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Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Calling all [Genea-Musings Fans](https://www.geneamusings.com/) See <https://www.geneamusings.com/>..:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Most genealogists try to stay in contact with their aunts, uncles and cousins. Who among them made the most effort to stay in contact your family? Did they write, use the telephone, send cards or gifts? Did they visit you, and/or did you visit them?

Let's take a moment to imagine this scenario:

- Your mother passed away when you were just 10 years old.
- You never knew your grandparents because they had died before you were born.
- After your mother's death, your younger brother and baby sister were 'given' to other families.
- You and your two older sisters were placed in a children's home.

Now, remember that in an era before telephones were widely accessible, the primary way to communicate with family members was by writing letters.

This was the reality my grandmother faced in 1913. Despite the challenges and the ease with which family connections could have been lost, my grandmother's family managed to stay in touch and eventually reunite. The siblings all made their way to Arizona for a family reunion. In the picture, you can see Herbert, Myrtle, Mary, Winnie, Earnest, and Alma Currey, arranged from left to right in order of age, from the oldest to the youngest.



Moreover, my grandmother's dedication to letter writing helped her maintain connections with some of her parent's siblings. Below is a letter from her aunt, written after the death of my grandmother's son, showcasing the enduring bonds of family despite the hardships they faced.

Long Beach Cal.
 Mch 5-61

My Dear Niece ^{and} Nephew

It is with a heavy heart I write you these few lines.

I was so shocked when I read Almas letter, just could not believe it was true, but Dear Ones just remember that he is in Gods hands and nothing can harm him now.

He cannot come to you but you can go to him and none know just how soon that will be.

May God in his love + mercy be very near to you in these days, you know to be absent from the body is to be present with him our God ^{our Father} ^{when you} ^{let me hear when you} ^{feel like writing} ^{all my love Aunt Emma.}

James Alexander Will

Are you using FamilySearch's experimental labs? If so, have you ever come across a document that identifies various family members but can't connect them to a specific family tree? I recently found a 1774 will of James Alexander in Botetourt County, Virginia, which mentions Mary Crawford, Samuel Crawford, and Joseph Snodgrass. The inclusion of a Snodgrass suggests a potential link to my Crawford research.

Unfortunately, I haven't been able to connect any of the individuals named in the will to any existing trees on FamilySearch. I'm sharing this document in the hope that someone familiar with this family might help me identify who Mary and Samuel Crawford are.

Botetourt County VA

Will Book A, 1770-1800

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In the Name of God Amen I James Alexander of Botetourt County and Colony of Virginia being in perfect health in Body and perfect Mind and Memory ; Thanks be given unto God , calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed once for all men to die I do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give & recommend my soul into the Hands of Almighty God that give it and my Body I commend to the Earth nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this Life I give devise & dispose of the same in the following Manner and Form -First of all my just and legal Debts to be paid out of my Estate by my Executors : for which I appoint

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Samuel Crawford and Jonathan Park [Tosh]sole Executors of my Estate . First of all I give to Mary Crawford one Tract of Land lying on Round Oak River containing one hundred and fifty akers likewise I do give to my Cousin James Tosh one Tract of Land lying on Back Creek containing two hundred and twenty Ackers and I also my Executors to make Deeds for the above mentioned Lands likewise I have so my Cousin Sarah [Heathy] one white Pacing Mare and her Colt I also my Uncle James Kearkey for so be aquited all Debts one some likewise for many oblidgevements received by me from Mary Tosh Daughter to Thomas Tosh In Recompence I have her one sorrel Pasing Stalian after satisfying my Debts out of the remaining part of my Estate I alow the remaining part of my Estate to be divided amongst Samuel Crawford , Wm Meason Joseph Meason Jonathan Tosh Jane Tosh James

Eager Joseph Snodgrass . Whereas I so allow this to be my
 last will & Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand & seal this twenty fourth Day of August in the
 year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy four
 Signed sealed published & pronounced
 James Alexander (seal)
 by the said James Alexander as his last
 Will & Testament in presence of us
 Jonathan Tosh Thos Tosh Saml Walker
 At a Court held for Botetourt County the 9th of May 1775 This
 Instrument of writing was presented in Court by the Exors
 herein named as & for the last Will & Testament of James
 Alexander decd & proved by the Oath of Saml Walker as Witness
 and ordered to be recorded An on the motion of the sd Exrs
 who made oath & entered into bond aug to Law with Henry
 Paulling & Philip Lowe their Secy in \$ 500 Cert is granted
 them for obtaining a Probate hereof in due form
 Excd Test John May CBC

This Inventory and Appraisement were returned to Court
 and ordered to be recorded Teste John May C B C.
 In the Name of God Amen I James Alexander of Botetourt
 County and Colony of Virginia being in perfect Health
 in Body and perfect Mind and Memory; Thanks be given
 unto God: calling unto Mind the Mortality of my Body
 and knowing that it is appointed unto all Men to die;
 I do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament
 that is to say Principally and first of all I give Recom-
 mend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God that
 good And my Body I commend to the Earth nothing doubting
 but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same
 again by the mighty Power of God and as touching such worldly
 Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this
 Life I give devise & dispose of the same in the following
 Manner and Form - First of all my just and legal Debts to
 be paid out of my Estate by my Executors: for which I appoint

Samuel Crawford and Jonathan Cook sole Executors of
 my Estate First I give to Mary Crawford one Part
 of said Spring on Rock River containing one hundred
 and fifty Acres likewise I give to my Cousin Jonathan
 Cook one Part of said Lands lying on Rock River containing
 two hundred and twenty Acres and I leave my Executors
 to make Deeds for the above mentioned Lands likewise
 I leave to my Cousin Sarah Keachy one whole Parting share
 and her Cattle I leave my Uncle James Hendricky forth to be
 acquitted all Debt due to me likewise for many Obligations
 received by me from Mary Cook Daughter to Thomas
 Cook In Accomplish I leave him one small Parting share
 after satisfying my Debt out of the remaining
 Part of my Estate I leave the remaining Part of my
 Estate to be divided amongst Samuel Crawford, John
 Mason, Joseph Hester and Jonathan Cook I am
 Eager for the said Deeds whereas I do allow this to be my
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 and at said Court held for the said County the 16th Nov^r 1775
 the same was proved by the Oath of Tho Cook and the witnesses
 and ordered to be recorded And on the Motion of said Executors
 who made Oath & entered into Bond and to stand with Henry
 Drutling & Philip Lane their Agents \$500 And in regard
 therefor obtaining a Probate hereof in due Form
 Teste John May C. C.
 Clerk of the Peace in Aolant County

Purple Heart

Emmett Stueve


Emmett Gregory Stueve was born on February 26, 1919, in Baileyville, Kansas. He enlisted in the United States Navy on January 15, 1940, and began his military career with great dedication, ultimately becoming a Pharmacist's Mate Third Class. His service led him to the Philippines, where he was stationed at the Cavite Naval Yard as part of the 16th Naval District.

When World War II intensified in the Pacific, Emmett was caught in the thick of the conflict. After the fall of Bataan in April 1942, the Japanese forces turned their attention to the island of Corregidor, where many American and Filipino soldiers, including Emmett, were stationed. Despite the fierce resistance, Corregidor fell to the Japanese on May 6, 1942, and Emmett was taken as a prisoner of war (POW).

Emmett's family received sporadic and limited communication from him while he was a POW. His messages were often censored, but they conveyed his resilience and concern for his family. He reported that his health was good despite the harsh conditions of imprisonment. He was held in various POW camps, including the infamous Bilibid Prison in Manila, where he and many other POWs endured severe hardships.

Tragically, Emmett's ordeal ended in October 1944 when he was among the 1,800 American POWs aboard the Japanese transport ship Arisan Maru. On October 24, 1944, the Arisan Maru was torpedoed by an American submarine, unaware that the ship carried Allied POWs. The sinking of the Arisan Maru resulted in one of the largest single losses of American life at sea, with only a few survivors. Emmett Gregory Stueve was not among them.

Emmett's death was confirmed months later, and he was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart. His family, who had held out hope for his return, was devastated by the news. Memorial services were held in his honor, and he was remembered for his bravery and dedication. Though lost at sea, Emmett's memory lives on, commemorated by a cenotaph at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Baileyville, Kansas, where his family and community honor his sacrifice.



Emmett Gregory Stueve

BIRTH 26 Feb 1919
Baileyville, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA

DEATH 24 Oct 1944 (aged 25)
At Sea

CENOTAPH [Sacred Heart Cemetery](#)
Baileyville, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA

Here are the sources used to create the narrative about Emmett Gregory Stueve:

1. Marshall County News, 1945-07-05

- Information about Emmett Stueve being listed as missing and eventually confirmed as deceased.

1. The Axtell Standard, 1945-07-05

- Details on Emmett's military service, his time as a prisoner of war, and his death during the sinking of the Arisan Maru.

1. The Marysville Advocate, 1945-08-23

- Reports on the letters received by Emmett's family during his imprisonment and the eventual confirmation of his death.

1. The Axtell Standard, 1945-06-28

- Additional details about the messages Emmett sent while in captivity and the circumstances of his death.

1. The Marysville Advocate, 1945-07-05

- Information on the memorial services held in Emmett's honor after his death was confirmed.

1. The Axtell Standard, various dates

- Various articles covering Emmett's military career, his capture, and his time as a POW.

1. The Marysville Advocate, 1945-08-23

- Further details on the communications received from Emmett during his time as a POW and the posthumous recognition he received.

[ChatGPT](https://chatgpt.com/) See <https://chatgpt.com/>. was used to transcribe the newspaper articles, write the narrative, compile the list of sources and write a meta description.

Early Botetourt Virginia Marriages

Have you ever used resources from [GenWeb Archives](http://www.usgwarchives.net/) See <http://www.usgwarchives.net/>. or contributed to them? With the availability of digitized records on FamilySearch and Ancestry, it's easy to overlook the valuable resources available through GenWeb Archives. I was recently reminded of this while trying to identify individuals mentioned in the [1776 will of James Alexander](#) See page . from Botetourt County, Virginia.

A Google search for +”Samuel Crawford” +”Jonathan Tosh” +”James Alexander” +Botetourt +Virginia led me to a [GenWeb Archive page that indexed marriage records](http://files.usgwarchives.net/va/botetourt/vitals/marriages/mar1770grooms.txt) See <http://files.usgwarchives.net/va/botetourt/vitals/marriages/mar1770grooms.txt>. from the *Annals of Southwest Virginia*. Although this index doesn't include information on the three Crawford families from Garrard County, Virginia, it does provide marriage dates for many members of the FAN (Friends, Associates, and Neighbors) club.

Marriage Date – Groom – Bride – Parents

1789 Anderson, James Mary Ann Tathum John Tathum
 1790 Anderson, James Agnes Dean
 1797 Anderson, James Ann Sharkey
 1775 Anderson, John Rebecca Maxwell
 1791 Anderson, John Ann McClure
 1791 Anderson, John Anne Awl
 1800, July 22 Anderson, John Martha Broadwater
 1780 Anderson, Joseph Sarah Beau
 1793 Anderson, Joseph Catherine Wedgon
 1802, Apr. 2 Anderson, Robt. Elizabeth Lemmon
 1784 Anderson, Thos. Rebecca McClure

1794 Crawford, Alexander Elizabeth McClure
 1788 Crawford, Andrew Euphies Batey
 1793 Crawford, English Mary Caldwell
 1786 Crawford, Jas. Sarah Vansant Sarah Vansant
 1791 Crawford, Jas. Jean Poage Jean Poage
 1797 Crawford, Jas. Eleanor Hunter
 1794 Crawford, Nimrod Elizabeth Gray Jas. Gray
 1771 Crawford, Samuel Jane Mason
 1798, July 31 Crawford, Samuel Polly Dudden
 1790 Crawford, Thos. Ann McNeely Wm. McNeely
 1786 Crawford, Wm. Martha Cooper
 1788, Apr. 20 Crawford, Wm. Margaret Dean

1788 Douglas, John Ann Morris

1792, Oct. 24 Maxwell, William Elizabeth Vansant

1790 Snodgraas, James Eliz. Fulton Daniel Fulton
 1801, Jan. 26 Snodgrass, Henry Jean Mann Mary & Nathan Mann
 1800, May 1 Snodgrass, Isaak Jean Preston
 1787 Snodgrass, Joseph Susanna Snodgrass Jas. & Mary Snod.
 1798 Snodgrass, Joseph Jannet Craddock Jos. S. Wm. Craddock
 1799, June 26 Snodgrass, William Peggy Divin
 1801, May 9 Snodgrass, William Esther Walker William Walker Richard Morris

1784 Vausant, Elijah Elinor Nelson
 1783 Vausant, Iseah Margaret Thompson
 1788 Vausant, Lisha Mary Crawford



Botetourt Co. VA, Marriages 1770-1803 Sorted by Groom's Surname

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Source: Annals Of SW Virginia

Date	Groom	Bride	Parents
1791	Able, Jeremiah	Hannah Eakins	
1793	Able, John	Elizabeth Hypes	Nicholas Hypes
1780	Acton, William	Margaret Compton	
1793	Adams, Henry	Sarah Clark	Andrew Clark
1792	Adams, Joseph	Eliz. Seagravea	
1787	Adkins	Rosanna Caldwell	
1800, July 30	Adkins, William	Mary Hartman	

While the *Annals of Southwest Virginia* is accessible on [Ancestry](https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/10533) See

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/10533>., searching Ancestry for all three surnames—Crawford, Tosh, and Alexander—would have been challenging. That's why I'm grateful for the GenWeb resources, which can be easily found through a Google search using multiple surnames.

NOTE: [ChatGPT](https://chatgpt.com/) See <https://chatgpt.com/>. was used to convert the marriage records that were copied/pasted into a document into a csv file. This AI tool as also used to improve the writing of this blog and to write the meta description.

Andrew Crawford Deed

An examination of the Botetourt County, Virginia records revealed a deed in which Andrew Crawford sells a parcel of land to Josiah Crawford. According to the deed, this land was previously owned by John Crawford.

A search on the FamilySearch tree identified a possible family unit that aligns with the names mentioned in the deed:

- Father: John Crawford (1720-deceased) [GH1S-F8M](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/GH1S-F8M) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/GH1S-F8M>.
- Son: Andrew Crawford (1740-1791) [MWSF-GC6](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/MWSF-GC6) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/MWSF-GC6>.
- Son: Josiah Crawford (1741-1830) [LWRH-2T5](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LWRH-2T5) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LWRH-2T5>.

However, without further research, it remains uncertain whether these individuals are indeed the same parties referenced in the deed.

This Indenture made the 9th day of
 March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
 and seventy nine between Andrew Crawford senr of the
 County of the Botetourt of the one part & Josiah Crawford of the
 same County of the other part Witnesseth that the said
 Andrew Crawford of [round] in consideration of the sum of
 five pounds Current Money of Virginia to him in hand
 paid by sd Josiah Crawford the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged
 he the said Andrew Crawford hath given granted Bargained
 and sold & by these Presents doth Give Grant Bargain sell
 unto the said Josiah Crawford one certain Tract or parcel of
 Land Situate lying and being in the County of Botetourt and
 being one half of a Tract of Land that formerly belonged to
 John Crawford deceased containing seventy nine acres
 the sd Land lies in the fork of Craig of Creek & Pattersons branch
 and is bounded as follows to wit Begining at a
 Sycamore and white Walnut , on the south side of said
 Creek & running thence South West Twenty three poles
 to a Sassafrass thence North West to a pine a Corner
 of the old Survey To have and to hold the said [Moity]
 of Land with all and singular the privileges and advantages
 thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining to the said
 Josiah Crawford his Heirs and assigns for ever and the said
 Andrew Crawford for himself his heirs execu
 [Admr] or assigns the before granted [Morety] of Land seventy
 nine acres of Land to the said Josiah Crawford his Heirs
 Executors Admr or assigns & also against the [plain] of all &
 every other person or persons shall and will forever warrant and
 defend by these presence . In Witness whereof the said Andrew
 Crawford hath hereunto set his hand & Seal the day and year
 above written
 Andrew Crawford (Seal)
 Signed sealed and Delivered
 In presence of |

Friday Find

Tucked away in my Mentzer notebook is a photocopy of the marriage license for John M. Williams and Clara E. Mentzer. Although I likely obtained this photocopy from the Woodson County Clerk of Court, the original record is also available on the FamilySearch website.

Woodson County Kansas
Marriage Records, v. G 1901-19?
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State of Kansas
Woodson County SS
In the Probate Court of said County and State
John W Williams, who now here makes application for Marriage License addressed to any person authorized by law to join in marriage the said John W Williams aged 24 years and Clara E. Mentzer aged 20 years being by me first duly sworn, doth say that

And that they the said John W Williams and Clara E Mentzer are not related to each other in the degrees prohibited by law, to wit: Parent and child, grand-parent and grand-child of any degree, brother and sister of either the one-half or of the whole blood, uncle and niece, aunt and nephew, nor first cousins — and that there exists no legal impediment to said marriage.

J W Williams

In Testimony Whereof, I the undersigned, Judge of th Probate court in and for Woodson County, and ex-officio Clerk thereof, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court at my office,

this 2 day of April A.D. 1903

J. A. Gregory Probate Judge

State of Kansas
County of Woodson

Office of Probate Judge of said County

Be it remembered, that on the 2 day of April A.D. 1903, there was issued from the office of said Probate Judge, a Marriage License, of which the following is a true copy:

Marriage License

No. 22

Woodson County, State of Kansas, April 2 A.D. 1903

To any person authorized by law to perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in Marriage John W. Williams of Yates Center

aged 24 years, and Clara E. Mentzer of Yates Center

aged 20 years, and of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days.

J. A. Gregory Probate Judge

And which said Marriage License was afterwards, to wit, on the 4 day of APirl A.dD. 1903 returned to said Probate Judge, with the following certificate endorsed thereon, to wit:

State of Kansas, County of Woodson, ss.

I, A. M. Bailey do hereby certify that in accordance with the authorization of the within Licenses,

I did, on the 2 day of April A.D. 1903, at Yates Center

in said County, join and unite in Marriage the within named John W Williams

and Clara E Mentzer

Witness My Hand and seal this day and year above written

C W Bailey

Ministry of ME Church

Attest: J A Gregory Probate Judge

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MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD.

KANSAS PROBATE JUDGE BOOK NO. 1, LANSING, KANSAS, 1903

State of Kansas,)
County of Woodson,) In the Probate Court of said County and State.

John M. Williams, who now here makes application for Marriage License addressed to any person authorized by law to join in marriage, the said *John M. Williams*
aged *24* years, and *Clara E. Muntz* aged *20* years being by me first duly sworn, doth say that

And that they, the said *John M. Williams* and *Clara E. Muntz*, are not related to each other in the degrees prohibited by law, to wit: Parent and child, grand-parent and grand-child of any degree, brother and sister of either the one-half or of the whole blood, uncle and niece, aunt and nephew, nor first cousins--and that there exists no legal impediment to said marriage.

In Testimony Whereof, I the undersigned, Judge of the Probate Court in and for Woodson County, and ex-officio Clerk thereof, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court at my office, this *9* day of *April*, A. D. 190*3*.

J. A. Gregory Probate Judge

State of Kansas,)
County of Woodson,) Office of Probate Judge of said County.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the *9* day of *April*, A. D. 190*3*, there was issued from the office of said Probate Judge, a Marriage License, of which the following is a true copy:

" MARRIAGE LICENSE " No. *22*

Woodson County, State of Kansas, *April 2*, A. D. 190*3*

To any Person Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in Marriage *John M. Williams* a *single* bachelor, aged *24* years, and *Clara E. Muntz* a *single* maiden, aged *20* years, and of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days.

And which said Marriage License was afterwards, to wit: the *9* day of *April*, A. D. 190*3* returned to said Probate Judge, with the following certificate endorsed thereon, to wit:

State of Kansas, County of Woodson, ss.

I, *C. W. Bailey* do hereby certify that in accordance with the authorization of the within License, I did, on the *2* day of *April*, A. D. 190*3*, at *Galva Center* in said County, join and unite in Marriage the within named *John M. Williams* and *Clara E. Muntz*.

WITNESS MY HAND and seal this day and year above written.

C. W. Bailey
Ministry of ME Church

Attest: *J. A. Gregory* Probate Judge.

Saturday Tidbits

1941 Military News

Expect a New Registration Call

A Washington dispatch in Tuesday daily papers stated that President Roosevelt will soon announce a new selective service registration day, for the 1941 crop of young men, those who have reached draft age since the last registration.

Age minimum may be dropped to 18. The army wants to do more of its training with younger men.

It is also expected that following this second registration day, there will be no more fixed times for general registration. Requirement will simply be made that as each young man reaches his draft age birthday, he will be required to register with his local draft board within five days.

There may be a new draft scheme to bring a greater percentage of young draftees into the army from the group registered.

Are Reserves for 10 Years

The Washington dispatch states the draftees leave the army as reserves for 10 years. Of those now being trained, from ages of 21 to 35, the older ones, from 26 to 35, will be 36 to 45 years old 10 years from now, not considered as good fighting men as those younger. It is stated the army high command is insisting more and more on induction of men under 25, preferably 19 to 22. ¹See page .

1. Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 17 April 1941, page 1 [↩](#)See page .

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Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Which of your ancestors lived a life of hardship or sadness? Who had few possessions or resources, **involved in violence or war, lived through a famine, or suffered forced immigration?**

While I never thought of my grandmother, [Winnie Letha Currey](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KZB2-NS2) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KZB2-NS2>., as sad, she definitely faced challenges and hardship in her life.

Because RootsMagic's Narrative reports are so 'dry', I've started asking [ChatGPT](https://chatgpt.com/) See <https://chatgpt.com/>. to turn them into narratives. Below is the narrative ChatGPT wrote using the information from RootsMagic.

Winnie Letha Currey was born on June 30, 1903, in Lansing, Leavenworth County, Kansas, to Hiram Miles Currey and Winifred Mae "Winnie" Hutchinson. She spent her early years in Lansing and later moved to Rooks County, Kansas, by 1910. Tragedy struck when her mother passed away in September 1913, leaving young Winnie motherless at the age of 10. Following her mother's death, Winnie lived in a children's home in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1916, under her father's care, she graduated from Horace Mann School.

By 1917, Winnie was living with her Aunt Nora and began working in a factory in North Kansas City. In 1918, she moved to Dodge City to help her sister Myrtle during the birth of her first child. Dodge City soon became her permanent home. She became a member of the First United Methodist Church, and on December 24, 1919, she married Leon Russel Crawford. The couple resided on Avenue A in Dodge City in 1920. Winnie endured the heartbreak of losing her first child, Betty Jean, who was born in 1921 but did not survive.

Winnie and Leon continued to live in Dodge City, and in 1927, they welcomed their son, Eugene David Crawford. Life in Dodge City during the Dust Bowl brought immense challenges, but Winnie remained resilient, protecting her home from the relentless dust storms. In 1938, she gave birth to another son, Leon Russel Crawford Jr., at the Charlotte Murray Memorial Hospital.

Throughout the years, Winnie was an active member of various civic organizations, including the Order of Eastern Star, Social Order of Beauceant, and auxiliaries of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. She remained devoted to her community, church, and family. In 1946, she took it upon herself to purchase a gravestone for her mother, ensuring her memory was preserved.

In 1947, Winnie and Leon purchased a lot in Dodge City, where they lived for many years. Winnie worked at Eckles Department Store from 1953 to 1958. The couple's home became a center of family activity, and they remained in Dodge City through the 1950s and 1960s. Winnie experienced deep sorrow in February 1961 when her son Leon Jr. fell gravely ill and passed away, an event that left a lasting mark on the family.

Winnie was recognized for her long-standing membership in the Order of the Eastern Star, receiving a 50-year pin in 1970. In 1976, she granted power of attorney to her son Eugene as she began to

plan her later years. She continued to live in Dodge City, and in 1978, she purchased a tombstone for herself, ensuring her final resting place alongside her family.

Winnie Letha Currey Crawford passed away on February 11, 1992, at the age of 88. She was buried in Maple Grove Cemetery in Dodge City, where she rests in peace, having lived a life of resilience, dedication to her family, and service to her community. Her estate was later probated in Ford County, Kansas, marking the conclusion of a long and storied life.



Currey Children at 1964 Family Reunion in Arizona

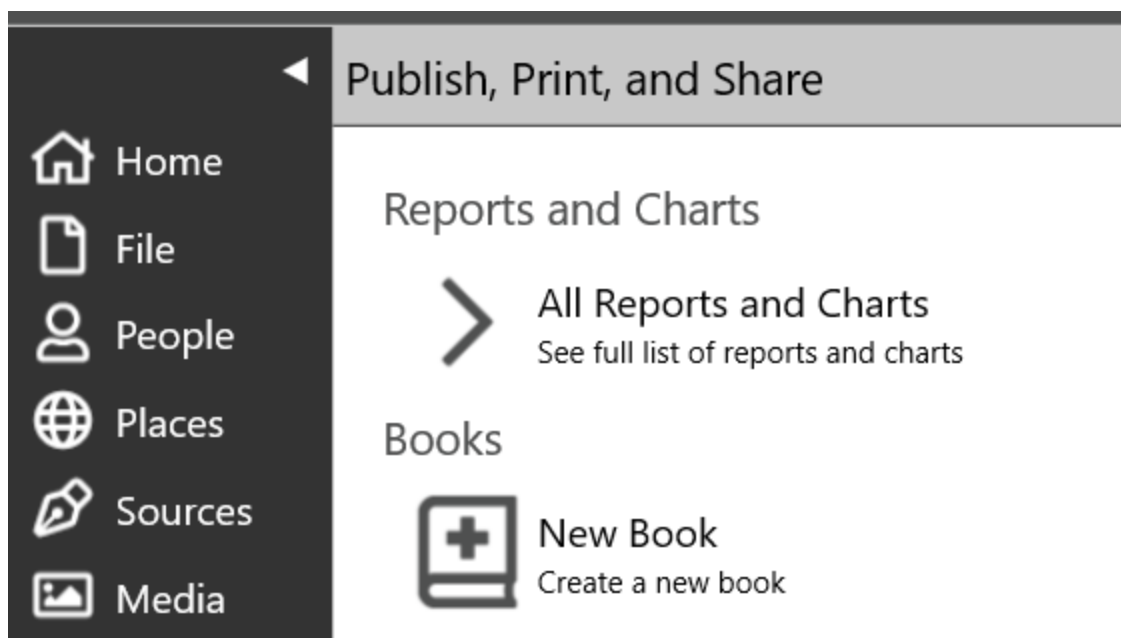


50th wedding celebration with son and his family

RootsMagic Book

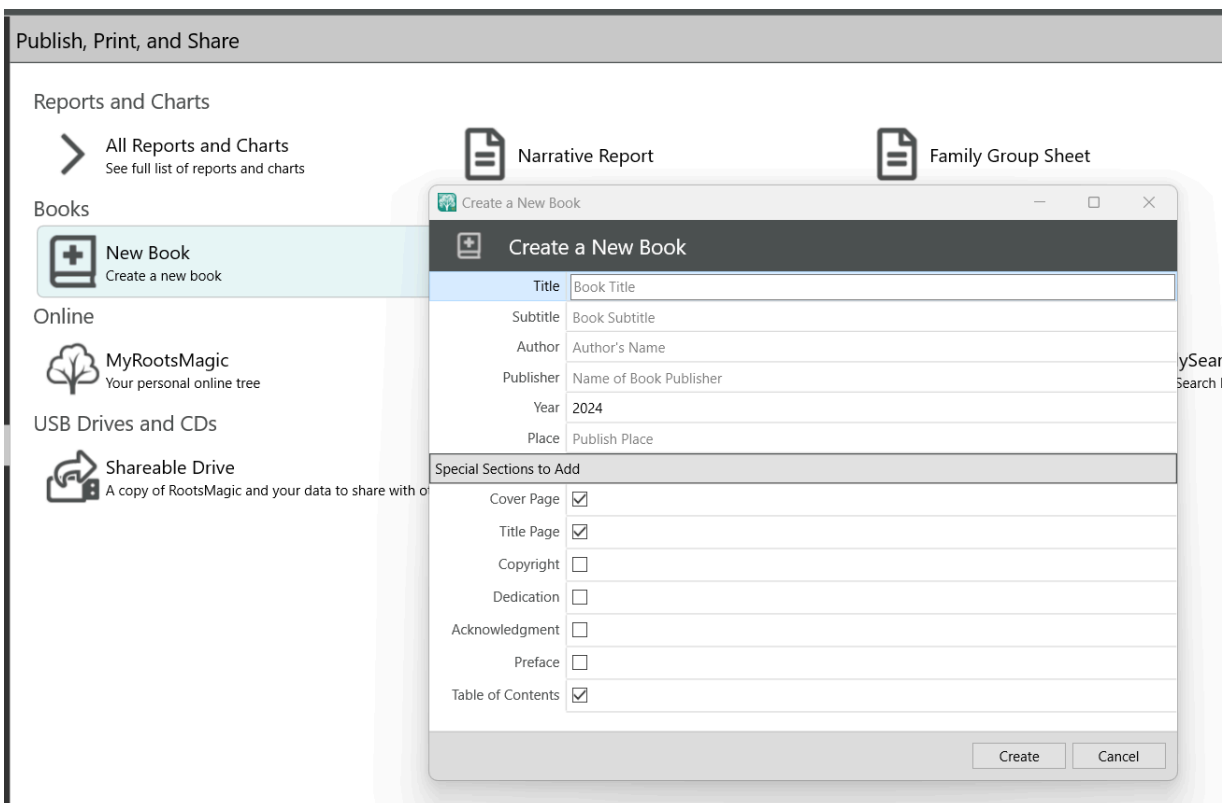
Have you used your genealogy software to produce a book?

During a visit to a county historical society, I realized I had not shared a print copy of my research with them. I promised to provide a copy and began exploring RootsMagic's book creation feature.

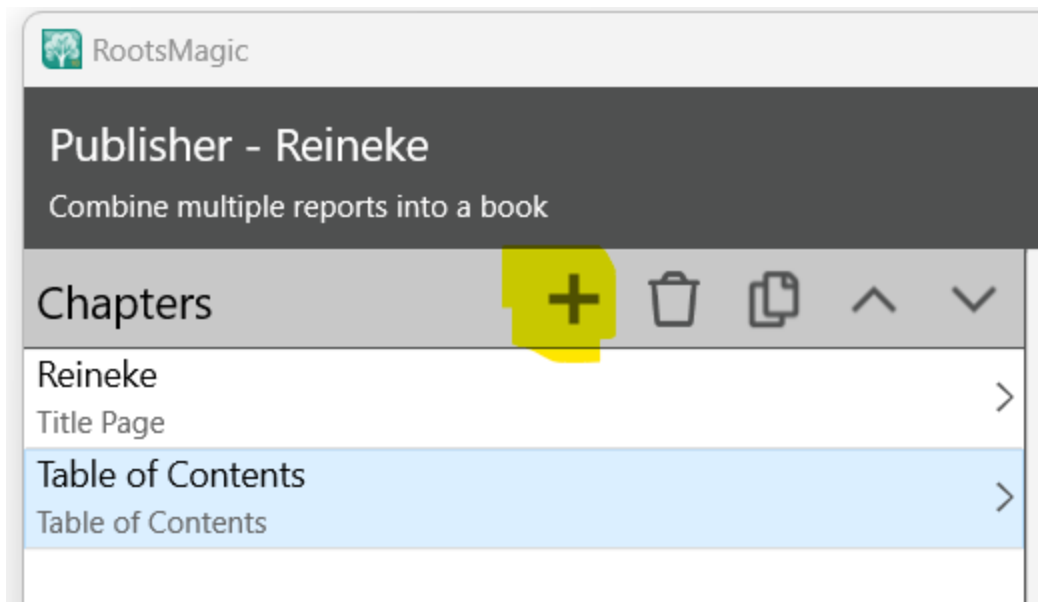


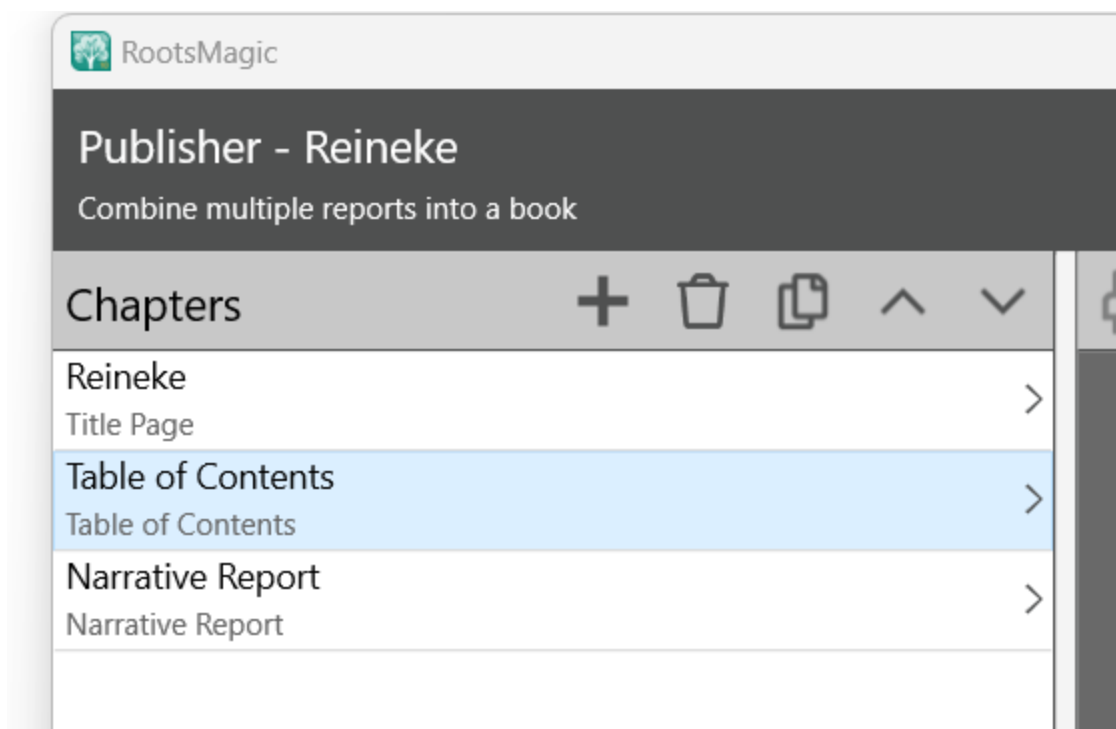
To start, I decided to experiment with a smaller project rather than dive into creating a large book. I chose to focus on research I'd done for an exhibit at the Nemaha County Historical Society. This research centered on Johann Andreas Reineke, along with his wife's brothers, Anton Miller and Joseph Miller. Since I had already created a Reineke family tree in RootsMagic to track my research and sources, turning it into a book was straightforward.

The first step was to create a title and select the default sections for the book. I initially chose both a cover page and a title page, but later realized that only the title page was necessary.

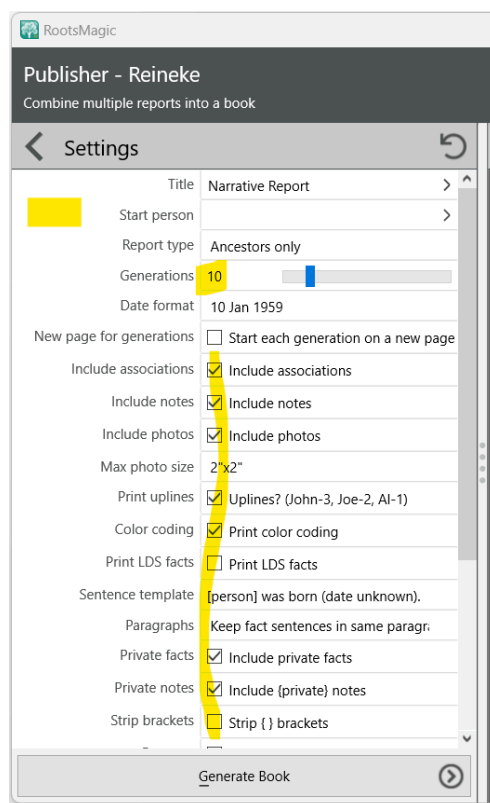


Next, I added chapters by clicking the plus sign. This action opened a window listing various options for additional chapters. I had already planned to include narrative reports for Johann Reineke, Anton Miller, and Joseph Miller, as well as a family group sheet and a scrapbook for Johann Reineke. I selected the “Narrative Report” option, which added the report without specifying the subject.





To choose the report's subject and customize its settings, I clicked the arrow next to the narrative report option.



There were several options for the report type, and after some experimentation, I chose the Henry format, as it excluded children in a single-generation report.

RootsMagic

Publisher - Reineke

Combine multiple reports into a book

Settings

	Title	
	Narrative Report	>
•	Start person	Johann Andreas Reineke-1 >
	Report type	Ancestors only v
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	Include associations	NEHGS (register)
	Include notes	Outline (indented)
		Henry (indented)
		D'Aboville (indented)

I also added a Family Group sheet and a scrapbook for Johann Reineke. During this process, I discovered that if I wanted the obituary text to appear in the report, I needed to copy it from the source note into the person's note. Additionally, I learned that attaching images to both the event and the source was necessary for creating a scrapbook.

Once I configured the book, I saved it as a Word document. In Word, I made a few adjustments:

- Edited the preparation statement and repositioned it toward the bottom of the page
- Updated the table of contents by pressing F9
- Adjusted column widths in the Family Group Sheet to prevent words like "Naturalization" from splitting into two lines
- Deleted rows in the Family Group Sheet that had no information (mainly marriage and burial facts for children)
- Inserted page breaks to avoid names appearing at the bottom of a page
- Indented the notes I included
- Edited the "Endnotes" headings to indicate the chapter

After making these edits, I saved the file as a PDF and shared in on the historical society's archive.org page: [Andrew Reineke – Henry Format](https://archive.org/details/andrew-reineke-henry-format) See <https://archive.org/details/andrew-reineke-henry-format>.

Now, I'm ready to create a book for one of my ancestral lines!

Purple Heart

Clyde Aeschliman

Clyde R. Aeschliman was born on August 7, 1918, in Sabetha, Kansas, to Sylvan and Bertha Wegman Aeschliman. He lived a full life, marked by his service during World War II and his dedication to family and community. Clyde married Queva Sell on April 20, 1941, and they went on to have three children together: a son, Douglas, and two daughters, Sharon and Debbie.

Clyde enlisted in the U.S. Army on March 30, 1943, in Peoria, Illinois. Initially assigned to infantry training at Camp Joseph T. Robinson in Arkansas, he developed a strong proficiency in handling various firearms, including the M-1 Garand rifle and the .30 caliber machine gun. Clyde's enthusiasm for marksmanship became a notable aspect of his military life.

Following his basic training, Clyde was stationed with the 143rd Infantry Regiment, part of the 36th Infantry Division, and later with the 754th Engineer Spare Parts Company. His unit was actively involved in supplying critical spare parts to various military operations in the Mediterranean theater, demonstrating both logistical efficiency and a commitment to supporting frontline troops.

During his service in Italy, Clyde was wounded in the left leg by artillery shell fragments in December 1943. This injury required several weeks of hospitalization, first in Italy and then in North Africa. His recovery was further complicated by an appendicitis operation. Despite these challenges, Clyde showed resilience and courage, qualities recognized by his superiors and comrades alike. For his bravery and sacrifice, he was awarded the Purple Heart.

Clyde's wartime experience was filled with both hardship and camaraderie. He formed close bonds with fellow soldiers and maintained regular correspondence with family and friends back home. Letters from the front lines, shared through newspapers like the Sabetha Herald, conveyed a mix of longing for home and a sense of duty. His cousin, Leonard Aeschliman, noted in one such letter how Clyde's spirits remained high despite the difficulties, and how he cherished news from home.



Clyde R Aeschliman

BIRTH 7 Aug 1918

DEATH 7 Dec 2000 (aged 82)

BURIAL [Mount Zion Cemetery](#)

Woodford County, Illinois, USA [Add](#)

MEMORIAL ID 54354489 · [View Source](#)

Sources:

Here is a list of sources for the narrative about Clyde Aeschliman:

Find a Grave

- Memorial ID: 54354489
- Information on birth and death dates, burial location.

Sabetha Herald

- *July 5, 1944, Page 1 and Page 8*: Letters describing Clyde's military experiences, his injury in Italy, and his subsequent recovery and service in North Africa.
- *March 1, 1944, Page 1*: Information on Clyde's injury in Italy, hospitalization in North Africa, and award of the Purple Heart.
- *July 14, 1943, Page 1 and Page 5*: Details on Clyde's furlough after basic training and his family's pride in his service.

Courier Tribune

- *February 7, 1944, Page 2*: Information about Clyde's hospitalization in North Africa and recovery from an appendix operation.

Woodford County Journal

- *December 14, 2000, Page 15*: Obituary providing details on Clyde's life, military service, community involvement, and death.

US WWII Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946

- Details on Clyde's enlistment date, place, and service information.

US Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010

- Provides confirmation of Clyde's service period and release date from the military.

US Veterans' Gravesites, ca 1775-2019

- Confirms burial location and military service details.

US, WWII Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954

- *December 1943 and October 1944*: Details on Clyde's injuries, medical treatment, and recovery.

Unit History, US 36th Infantry Division, 1940-1945

- Lists Clyde's association with the 143rd Infantry Regiment.

Marshall County News

- *April 20, 1944, Page 8*: Reports on Clyde's recovery from surgery and communication with his wife.

The Summerfield Sun

- *January 6, 1944, Page 4*: Reports on Clyde being slightly wounded in Italy and hopes for his recovery.
- *August 19, 1943, Page 4*: Mentions Clyde's move from a camp in Arkansas to a replacement camp in Pennsylvania.

The Dawson Herald

- *July 22, 1943, Page 1*: Information on Clyde's completion of basic training and his furlough in Sabetha.
- *May 11, 1944, Page 2*: Report on Clyde being wounded in Italy and receiving the Purple Heart.

The Beatrice Times

- *February 28, 1945, Page 3*: Mentions Clyde's service in the Mediterranean theater.

Beatrice Daily Sun

- *February 27, 1945, Page 3*: Describes Clyde's service with the 754th Engineer Spare Parts Company.

Memories

Today is September 11th.

It's a day of remembrance—a day that forever changed the world.

For many of us, it's another "Where were you when?" moment.

In 2001, I was working as the librarian and technology coordinator at Nemaha Valley High School. It's hard to imagine now, but back then, we didn't have the constant connection to the Internet like we do today. News didn't arrive in our pockets instantly.

I can't recall exactly how I first heard about the plane hitting the World Trade Center, but it was likely through someone in the office who had been listening to the radio. My first instinct was to bring the TV cart to the west side of the library, connect it to the cable, and turn on CNN. Within minutes, students and teachers gathered, glued to the screen, as the news unfolded.

When the bell rang for the next class, I had to remind both students and a few teachers to head to their 2nd-period classes. Yet, as soon as the halls cleared, the library quickly filled up again. It was eerily silent, save for the sound of the broadcast.

The principal and I briefly discussed moving the TVs to the gym to accommodate more people, but we decided against it. Throughout the morning, people came and went, but the solemn quiet remained, and tears fell as we all tried to comprehend what was happening.



Duggins Will

Home

My ancestor, James Crawford, married Sally Duggins in 1799 in Garrard County, Kentucky. Sally, was a young widow with two sons: Henry and William. Henry was 11 and William 5 when their mother remarried. Both sons moved to Preble county, Ohio with their mother and stepfather.

William survived his mother, dying in 1872 in Preble county. Below is his will.

Preble County, Ohio
Record of Wills, 1870-1881

Wills, v. E-F 1870-1890
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The State of Ohio Preble County . SS . } Proceedings had in the
Probate Court on the 26th Day of Feb . 1872 . J M. King Judge .
This day came Wm N. Duggins and produced to the Court
for Probate and Record the last will and Testament of Wm A
Duggins , decd late of said County . And at the same time cam
B. F. Larsh and John A. Crouse the witnesses to said Will
who were duly sworn and testified as to the making of said
Will , which testimony was by the Court reduced to writing ,
and signed by said witnesses and filed with said will
And the Court finds from said testimony that said will
was duly signed , acknowledged and attested , and that the
Testator was at the time he so made his said will of
full age , of sound and disposing mind , memory and judg
ment , and not laboring under any undue or unlawful restraint
whatsoever , It is therefore by the Court ordered that said
will be , and the same hereby is admitted to Probate , and
it is further ordered that said will , testimony and this jour
nal entry be recorded in the Wills Record of this Court
said will is in the words and figures following to wit :
I. Wm A. Duggins of Preble County Ohio , of full age , of sound
mind and memory , and not laboring under any restraint do make
and publish this my last will and testament , in manner
and form following , to wit : Item 1st It is my will that
at my decease , all my just debts and funeral expenses be
paid . Item 2nd I do hereby bequeath , will and devise unto
my Son Benj . A. Duggins , Eighty five acres of land more or
less , being the North half of the North East quarter of Section 17
seventeen , Tp . 7. Range 2 . East , in Phebe County Ohio , and to
his heirs and assigns forever . Item 3rd I do hereby will
devise and bequeath with my son Henry J. Duggins
Eighty five acres of land more of less . being of the south half
of the North East qr . of Sec 17 seventeen , Tp 7 R. 2. East in

Preble County , and to his heirs and assigns forever . Item 4th
 I do hereby will , devise , and bequeath unto my Son Wm N
 Duggins , Eighty Acres of land , being the West half of the North
 West Qr . of Section (10) Ten Tp . 8. R. 2 . East in Preble County O.
 and to his heirs and assigns forever , Item 5th . I do hereby will
 devise and bequeath with my daughter Sarah H. Kincaid , wife

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William A . Duggins Will

of John Kincard , Eighty Acres of land , being the East half
 of the North West Qr of Sec . Ten (10) Tp . 8 . R. 2. East , in Preble
 County Ohio , and her heirs and assigns forever . The road on the S line
 of said N. W. qr . of sec 10 to be kept open. I do further will devise
 and bequeath unto my sons , Benj . A. Duggins , Henry J. Duggins
 Wm N. Duggins , the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars each , to be
 paid to them out of my personal estate , or if my said personal estate
 be not sufficient to pay this legacy , it is my will then , that the
 one hundred acre tract of land , described as follows , being the
 North part of the S. E . qr . of Sec . 10 . & a part of the S. W. qr . of said
 Sec . 10 . Tp 8 . R. 2 . E . in Preble County Ohio , be sold , at private or
 public sale , as my children may agree , which I hereby author
 ize them to do , and to make , execute , acknowledge and deliver
 good and sufficient warranty deeds , to the purchaser or pur
 chasers there of , and so much of the proceeds thereof as shall be
 necessary , shall be used in the payment of the legacies above de
 scribed in this item , and the residue thereof I do hereby will
 and devise unto each of my said four children , share and
 share alike . Item 7 ” It is my will that at my decease , all the
 personal property of every kind and description of which I may
 die seized , shall be equally divided between my said four children
 share and share alike ; or if my said children shall not agree as
 to the actual division of the specific property , then it is my will
 that the same shall be sold in such manner as my said
 children or a majority of them shall agree , and the proceeds
 thereof be equally divided between them . The foregoing dis
 position of my estate is made so that my said Children
 shall share as nearly equal in my estate as possible , I having
 hereto fore made advances to some of them to a greater or less
 extent than others , and the foregoing is intended to make
 them all equal , Item 8 . ” It is my will that in case
 my wife survives me , that her living and support be char
 ged upon my entire estate , and my said children and their
 heirs are hereby enjoined and required to give my said
 wife Sally , a good and ample support and maintenance
 so long as she lives . In witness whereof , I have here
 unto subscribed my name and affixed my seal , this
 21st day of August A. D . 1871 . William A. Huggins .(Seal)
 Signed by the said William A. Duggins in our presence
 as his last will and Testament and signed by us in
 his presence and at his request as witnesses thereto .
 The State of Ohio Pate County SS Preble Probate Court . } John A. Crouse / B F Larsh
 Probate of the last Will of Wm A. Duggins
 late of Preble County , O. Deceased , presented on the 26 ” day of
 Feby . A. D . 1872 . for Probate by Wm N. Duggins

Personally appeared in open Court , this 26th day of Feb
1872 . John A. Crouse and B. F. Larsh , the subscribing
witnesses of the last Will and Testament of Wm A. Duggins

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who is now deceased , who being duly sworn according to
law to speak the truth , the whole truth , and nothing but
the truth , in relation to the execution of said Will ,
depose and say that they were present at the making
of said Will , and at the request of the deceased , sub
scribed their names to said Will , as witnesses , in the
presence of the deceased , and of each other , that they saw
the said the said William A. Duggins deceased , sign and seal
said Will , and heard him acknowledge the same to
be his last Will and Testament , that the said Wm A.
Duggins was at the time of making , signing and seal
ing said Will , of legal age and of sound and disposing
mind memory and judgment , and under no undue or
unlawful restraint what soever . John A. Crouse B. F. Larch .
Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me , in open
Court , this 26th day of February , A. D . 1872 .
J. W. Singer Probate Judge of Preble County Ohio .

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The Probate Court of Preble County Ohio
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who were duly sworn and testified as to the making of said
Will, which testimony was by the Court reduced to writing,
and signed by said witnesses and filed with said Will.
And the Court finds from said testimony, that said Will
was duly signed, acknowledged and attested, and has
not been at the time he is now made his said Will, of
sound and disposing mind, memory and judg
ment, and taking under any undue or unlawful influence
whatsoever, It is therefore by the Court ordered, that said
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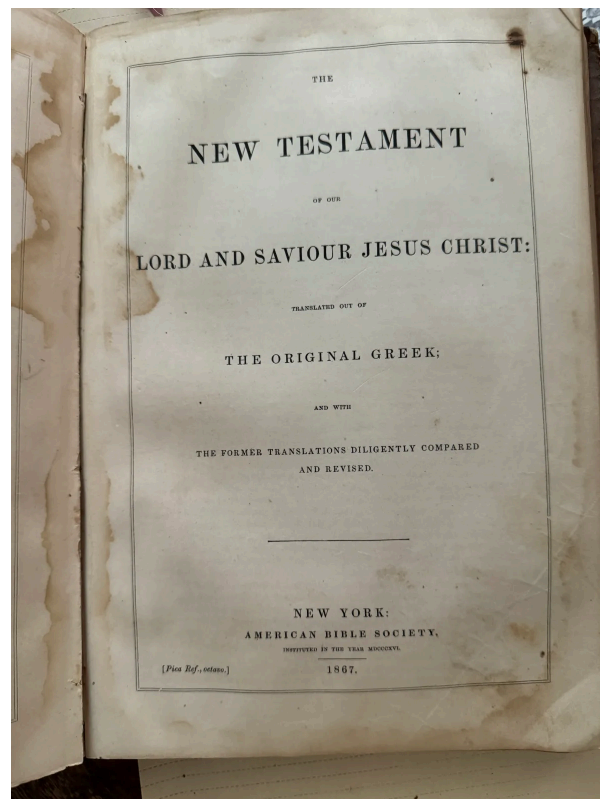
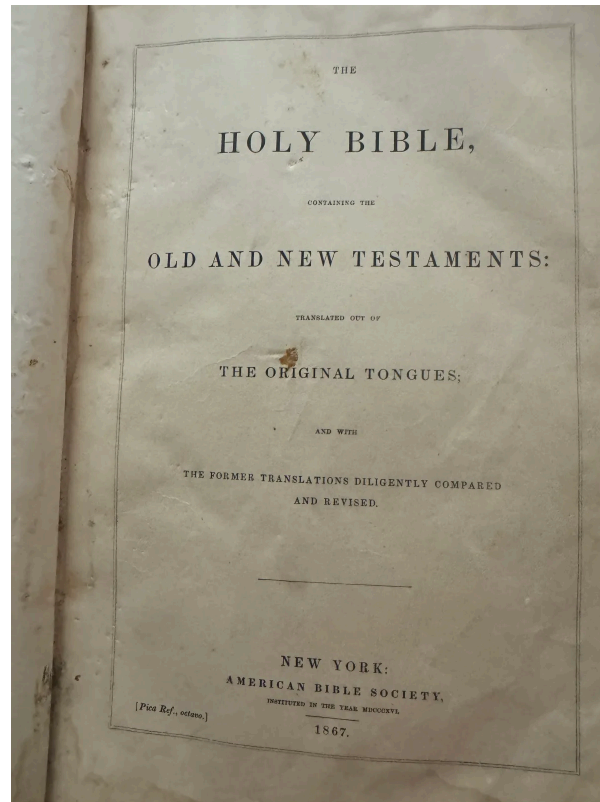
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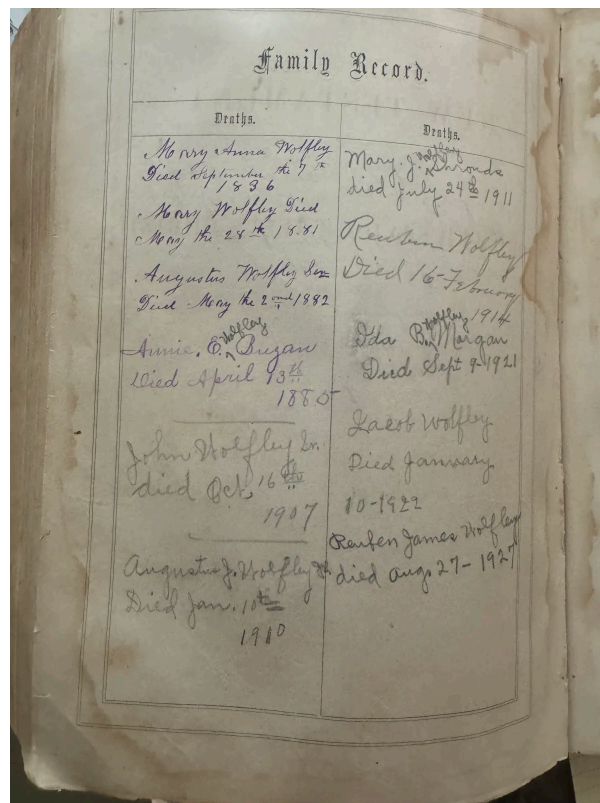
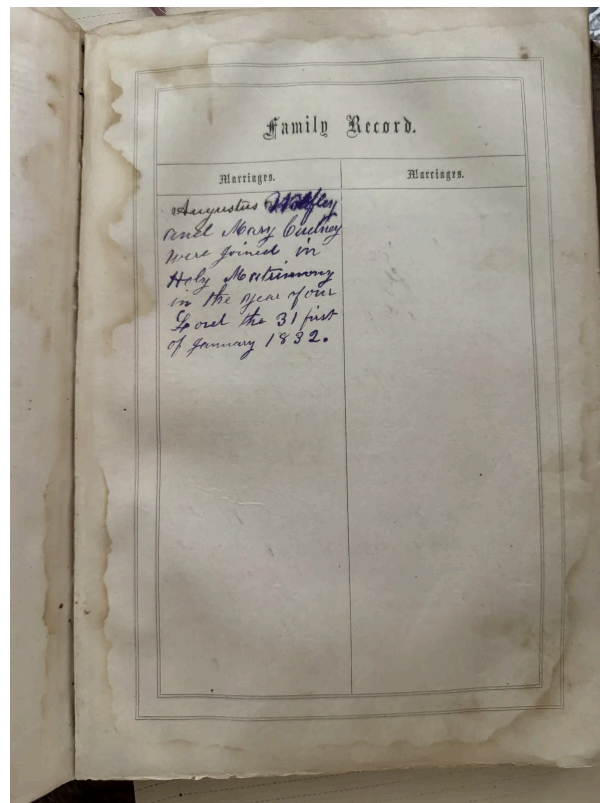
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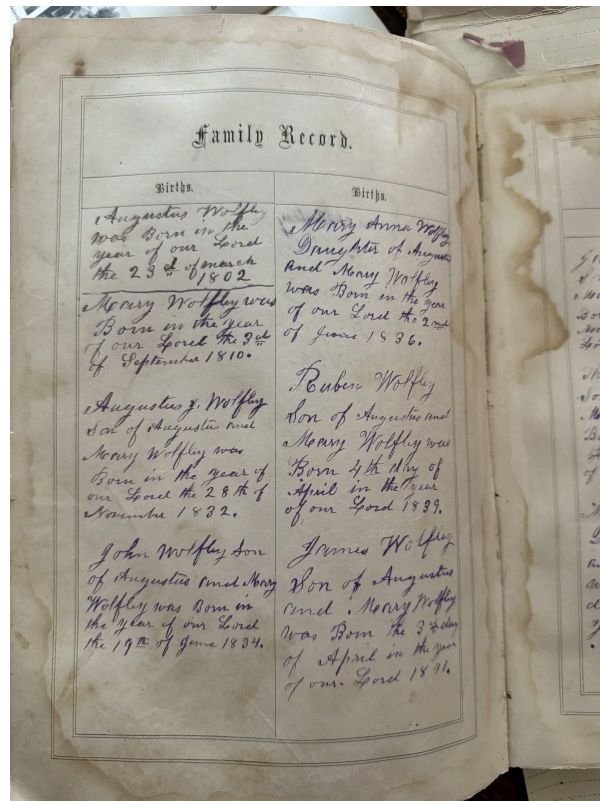
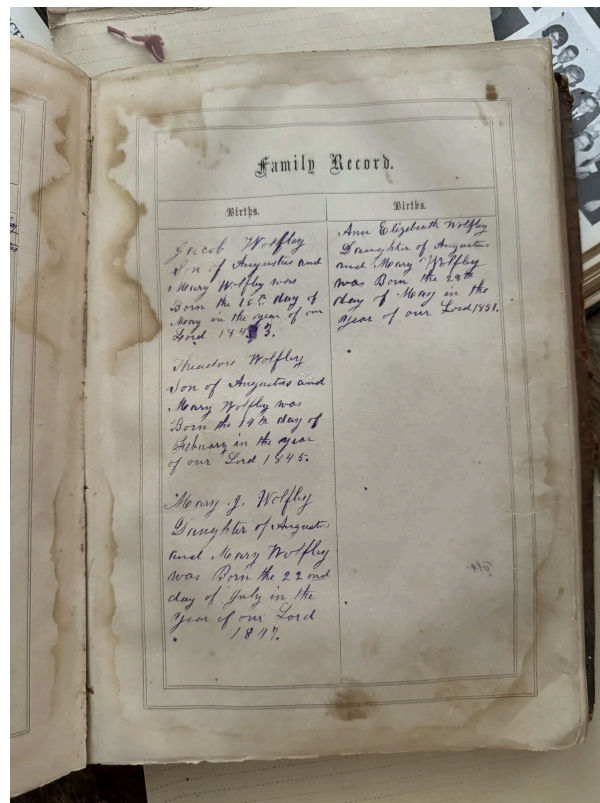
who is now deceased, who, being duly sworn according to law to speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, in relation to the execution of said Will, depose and say that they were present at the making of said Will, and at the request of the deceased, subscribed their names to said Will, as witnesses, in the presence of the deceased, and of each other; that they saw the said William C. Huggins deceased, sign and seal said Will, and heard him acknowledge the same to be his last Will and Testament, that the said W^m C. Huggins was at the time of making, signing and sealing said Will, of legal age and of sound and disposing mind, memory and judgment, and under no undue or unlawful constraint what soever. John A. Cruise B. & Lark. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me, in open Court, this 26th day of February, A.D. 1842.
J. W. Seng - Probate Judge of Rich County Ohio.

Friday Find

While looking for a German Bible in the Nemaha County Historical Society's collection, the following family Bible was found.







Augustus Wolfley was [buried](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/54934406/augustus_jacob_wolfley) See https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/54934406/augustus_jacob_wolfley. in the Wolfley cemetery in Goff, Kansas.

Saturday Tidbits

Courier Tribune
1 May 1941
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Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Calling all [Genea-Musings](https://www.geneamusings.com/) See <https://www.geneamusings.com/>. Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

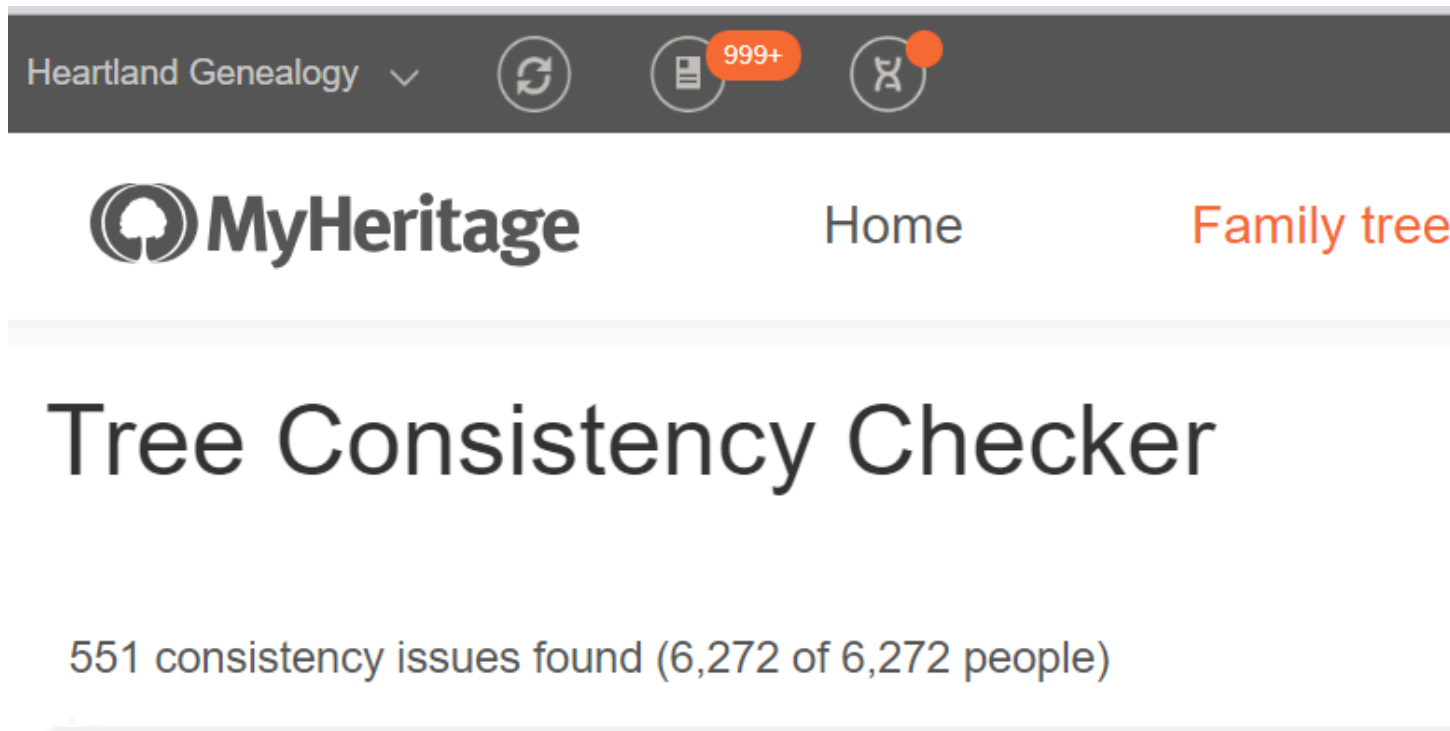
Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Have you used helps such as Tree Checker on Ancestry, Consistency Check on MyHeritage, or the Family Tree Analyzer program to check for errors in your family tree?

While I've known about these tools, I hadn't dedicated much time to using them to clean up my tree—until now. Curiosity got the better of me, so I decided to test each tool and see what insights they could offer.

My Heritage

My tree on MyHeritage is fairly 'static'; it's linked to my DNA test but I don't regularly update it with new findings. So, I wasn't shocked when the Consistency Checker flagged over 500 errors.



The screenshot shows the MyHeritage website interface. At the top, there is a dark navigation bar with the text "Heartland Genealogy" and a dropdown arrow, followed by three circular icons: a refresh icon, a document icon with a red "999+" badge, and a family tree icon with a red circle. Below this is the MyHeritage logo, with "Home" and "Family tree" links to the right. The main heading is "Tree Consistency Checker". Below the heading, it states "551 consistency issues found (6,272 of 6,272 people)".

Although many of these were likely genuine errors, some were flagged as “fact occurring after death.” I had 36 of these in my tree.

Fact occurring after death (36) ⓘ



! Date of Land Entry of **Washington Marion Crawford** (May 27 1890) occurred after his death date (August 23 1889)

Tip: Correct date of Land Entry or death date of Washington Marion Crawford.

Ignore this issue if this is a fact that occurred after the person's death.



! Date of Court of **Henry F. Burke** (March 2 1846) occurred after his death date (October 30 1845)

Tip: Correct date of Court or death date of Henry F. Burke.

Ignore this issue if this is a fact that occurred after the person's death.

Interestingly, in these cases, the facts and dates are actually correct—the events did happen after death.

One unique feature of the MyHeritage tool is that it flags children born too close together. While it might signal an error based on the dates, it's possible that the sources for those birthdates are incorrect, which could be worth investigating further.



! **Hiram M. Currey** (born August 13 1835) and his sister **Caroline Kelso (born Currey)** (born March 9 1836) are too close in age (209 days apart: about 6 months and 29 days)

Tip: Correct the birth date of Hiram M. Currey or of Caroline Kelso (born Currey).

Ancestry

Ancestry is where the bulk of my research resides. The Tree Check tool from ProTools revealed a significant number of issues in my tree.

Heartland Genealogy - Crawford, Currey, Briles, Mentzer > Tree checker

Tree checker PRO Results 161-180 of 717

Tree rating 8.9 ^

Tree rating ⓘ

8.9
Strong

Share

Out of 24,407 people in your tree, people with:

Possible duplicates

717

No documentation

6,856

Only tree documentation

246

Other possible errors

577

Since I use RootsMagic's TreeShare for updates, I tend to ignore documentation errors. However, the "Possible Duplicates" feature was useful—it identifies people with similar names and birth/death dates. By clicking the exclamation mark on the right, you can review and possibly merge the individuals.

The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com profile for James Burke. The profile includes a profile picture, name, birth and death dates (Unknown, 1870), and a 5th great-grandfather status. A 'Possible duplicate' error notification is visible on the right, stating 'Tree checker thinks these need a second look.' and 'James Burke (-1870)'. The notification has 'Review' and 'Not a duplicate' buttons.

However, without numerical IDs attached to people in the tree, it can be tricky to find potential duplicates outside of the error checker. Knowing I have some similarly named individuals, I reviewed one such case.

Crawford, James	1757 VA	10 May 1836 Kentucky, United States	!
Crawford, James	1758 Augusta, Virginia, United States	3 April 1836 Jefferson, Indiana, United States	!

While many researchers believe these two men are the same person, I've spent considerable time documenting them separately, so I'm reluctant to merge them without deeper investigation.

Many of the 577 other errors were due to birth dates not making sense relative to their parents.

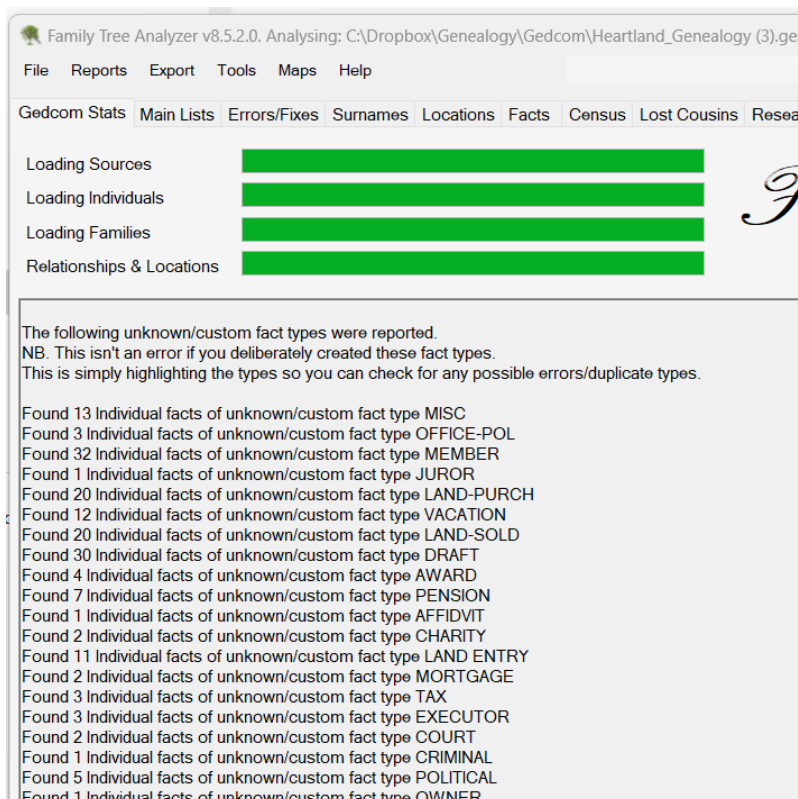
Family Tree Analyzer

Unlike the online tools, Family Tree Analyzer works with a GEDCOM file. I used a file containing seven generations of ancestors to test it. The Error/Fixes screen identified many of the same issues that Ancestry and MyHeritage flagged.

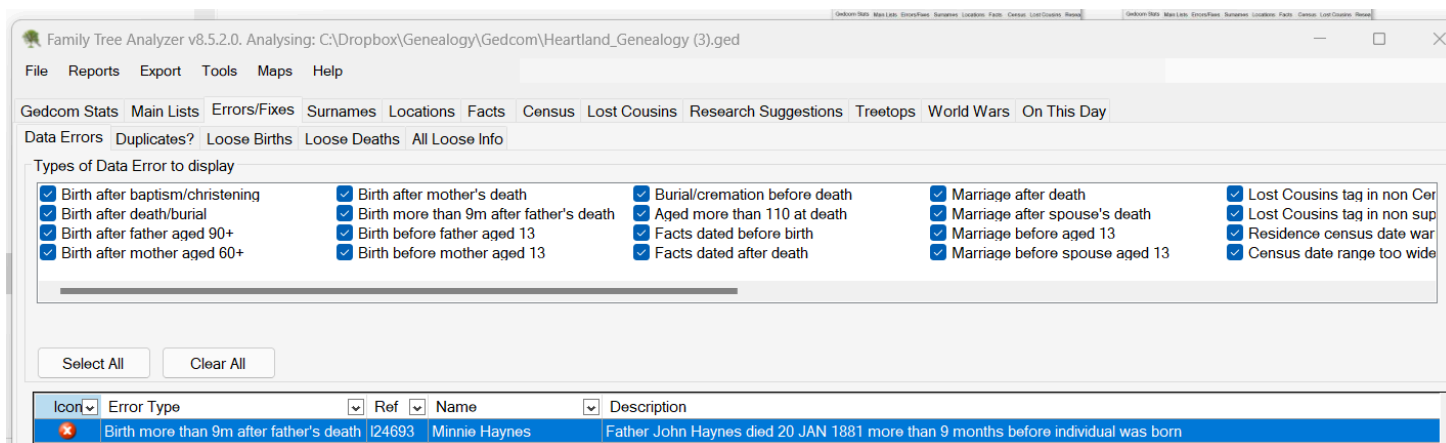
The screenshot shows the Family Tree Analyzer v8.5.2.0 interface. The 'Errors/Fixes' screen is active, displaying a list of data errors. The 'Types of Data Error to display' section includes checkboxes for various error types, such as 'Birth after baptism/christening', 'Birth after death/burial', 'Birth after father aged 90+', 'Birth after mother aged 60+', 'Birth after mother's death', 'Birth more than 9m after father's death', 'Birth before father aged 13', 'Birth before mother aged 13', 'Burial/cremation before death', 'Aged more than 110 at death', 'Facts dated before birth', 'Facts dated after death', 'Marriage after death', 'Marriage after spouse's death', 'Marriage before aged 13', 'Marriage before spouse aged 13', 'Lost Cousins tag in non Cer', 'Lost Cousins tag in non sup', 'Residence census date war', and 'Census date range too wide'. The 'Select All' and 'Clear All' buttons are visible. The table below shows the error details:

Icon	Error Type	Ref	Name	Description
✖	Birth more than 9m after father's death	I24693	Minnie Haynes	Father John Haynes died 20 JAN 1881 more than 9 months before individual was born

Additionally, Family Tree Analyzer identifies custom facts and evaluates location data for geocoding.



However, since my GEDCOM file from RootsMagic didn't include geocoding, every location was flagged as an issue.



RootsMagic

In RootsMagic, I used the Command Palette to access the PROBLEM LIST.

The 'Problem Search' dialog box is open, showing the 'Problem Options' tab. The 'Include?' dropdown is set to 'Everyone'. The 'Check all' checkbox is checked, and the 'Uncheck all' checkbox is unchecked. The 'Select the problems to search for' section contains the following options:

- ☐ No sex
- ☐ Person with no sex entered
- ☐ Event order
- ☐ Proper order of events for person
- ☐ Parent's marriage
- ☐ Born before parent's marriage
- ☒ Born before parents
- ☒ Born before parent's birth
- ☐ Father's death
- ☐ Born after father's death
- ☒ Mother's death
- ☒ Born after mother's death
- ☐ Missing given
- ☐ Person is missing primary given name(s)
- ☐ Missing surname
- ☐ Person is missing a primary surname
- ☐ Missing given (alt)
- ☐ Person is missing alternate given name(s)
- ☐ Missing surname (alt)
- ☐ Person is missing an alternate surname
- ☐ Burial after death
- ☐ Buried more than X days after death...
- 30
- ☐ Age at death
- ☐ Age at death should be less than...
- 110
- ☐ Age at marriage
- ☐ Age at marriage should be between...
- min 12
- max 90
- ☐ Father's age
- ☐ Father's age should be between...
- min 14

At the bottom, there are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Thankfully, this tool allows me to work on one problem type at a time. For example, burials occurring over 100 days after death generated quite a long list of 'errors' in my data.

The 'Problem List' dialog box is open, showing a list of potential data problems. The title is 'Problem List' and the subtitle is 'A list of potential data problems'. There are four buttons at the top: 'Edit person', 'Not a problem', 'Add to task list', and 'Print'. The table below lists the problems:

Name	Problem
, Martha-19611	Burial 365 days after Death
, Mary-16562	Burial 730 days after Death
Adams, Katherine "Katy"-13281	Burial 1095 days after Death
Alt, Noble Richard-22894	Burial 365 days after Death
Ammerman, Dirck Jansen-19464	Burial 365 days after Death
Andrews, Ellen O.-4855	Burial 150 days after Death
Armstrong, Rachel-15514	Burial 365 days after Death
Ashmore, Gene Marion-20560	Burial 1587 days after Death
Bland, James-19524	Burial 365 days after Death
Bland, Matthew Martin-577	Burial 365 days after Death
Briles, Austin Hughes-22588	Burial 2555 days after Death
Briles, Pearl Fay-2191	Burial 90 days after Death

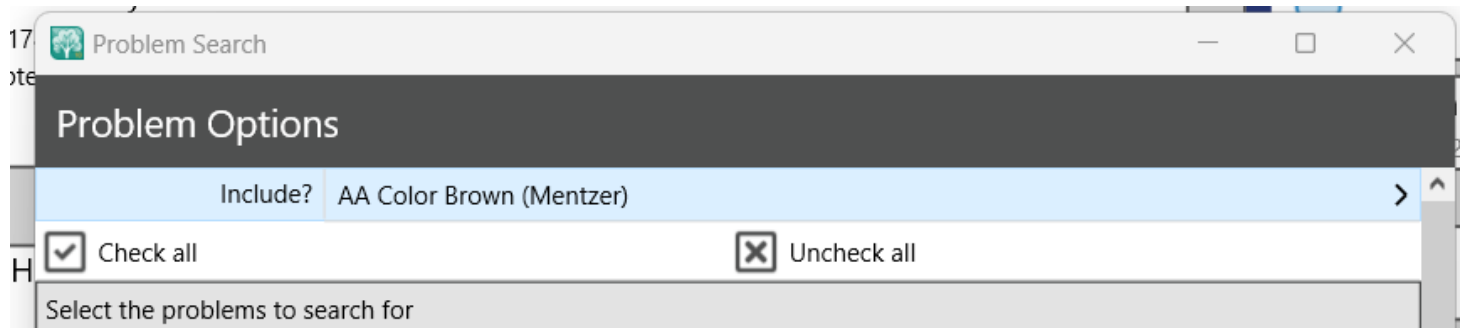
At the bottom right, there is a 'Close' button.

By highlighting a name and clicking 'Edit Person,' I could immediately view the source of the error. In one case, Matthew Martin Bland had two conflicting death dates: 27 July 1878 and 27 July 1879, both sourced. I had set the earlier date as primary, and the burial date was after the later one, causing the error. I removed the burial date but kept it as a 'sort' date, which resolved the issue.

53	Residence	24 August 1870	T 53 R34, Platte County, Missouri
54	Will	27 June 1871	Platte, Missouri, United States
61	Death	27 July 1878	Platte, Missouri, United States
-	Burial	after 27 July 1879	Alexander Cemetery, Platte, Missouri, United States
-	Death	27 July 1879	Weston, Platte, Missouri, United States

Will I Fix All These Errors?

Realistically, probably not. However, I might use the GROUP feature to narrow down the potential errors and make the process more manageable.



Thanks Randy, for the challenge—it was enlightening to explore these tools!

William A. Duggins

William A. Duggins was born on November 19, 1794, in Amherst, Virginia. Around 1809, William, still in his teenage years, moved to Ohio, settling in Preble County, where he became involved in the local community. By 1810, he was a member of the First Church of Eaton, known as “The Old Public Church,” in Washington Township.

On April 29, 1819, William married Sally Neal, a native of Harrison, Kentucky, who had moved to Ohio with her family in 1809. Their union marked the beginning of William’s long tenure as a farmer and landowner in Preble County. In the 1820 U.S. Census, the couple was recorded living in Washington Township, along with a household that included a young male relative. The tax records from the following years show that William began acquiring and expanding his land holdings. His first notable purchase came in December 1827 when he bought 80 acres from Joseph Sellers for \$350. Over the next decade, William continued to expand his property, regularly appearing on tax rolls for both personal property and substantial land acquisitions. By the 1830s, he owned over 160 acres in Preble County.

As the Duggins family grew, so did their responsibilities and holdings. In 1840, William’s household included several children, and by 1850, he had acquired even more land. His purchases and sales of land during this period reveal his growing influence and wealth within the community. In 1852, William filed land entry papers in Indiana, a signal of his growing ambitions beyond Ohio. This was followed by additional land acquisitions and sales, including transactions with Nelson G. Crawford and members of his own family.

By 1860, William was a 66-year-old farmer, still residing in Washington Township with Sally. Over the years, he and Sally had lived a steady life, raising their children, managing their farm, and contributing to the growth of the local community. However, in 1871, Sally passed away at the age of 73, followed by William just a few months later in February 1872. Both were laid to rest at Mound Hill Cemetery in Eaton, Preble County, Ohio.

Their lives, deeply tied to the development of Preble County, were characterized by a commitment to their family, faith, and farming. William’s legacy as a landowner and community member was evident even after his death, as his estate was probated just days after his passing, marking the conclusion of a long and prosperous life.

The above was written by ChatGPT based on the following Narrative Report from RootsMagic:

William A. Duggins was born on 19 Nov 1794 in Amherst, Virginia, United States. [[1](#)See page .-[2](#)See page .]

He moved to Ohio about 1809. [[3](#)See page .]

About 1810, he was a member of the 1st church of Eaton called “the old Public Church” in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States. [[4](#)See page .]

He married Sally Neal on 29 Apr 1819 in Preble County, Ohio. [[5](#)See page .-[9](#)See page .]

William was a neighbor of James Crawford in 1820 in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States. [[10](#)See page .]

He lived in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States on 1 Jul 1820 with a household containing 1 male 10-16, 1 male 26-45, and 1 female 16-26, listed as Wm Dougan. [[10](#)See page .]

He was listed on the tax rolls for personal property in 1827 in Preble County, Ohio. [[11](#)See page .]

William purchased land being 80 acres in the W 1/2 NW 1/4 S10T7R2 from Joseph Jr. and Elizabeth Sellers for

\$350 on 28 Dec 1827 in Preble County, Ohio. [\[12\]](#)See page .

He was listed on the tax rolls for personal property in 1828 in Preble County, Ohio. [\[13\]](#)See page .

He was listed on the tax rolls for personal property in 1829 in Preble County, Ohio. [\[14\]](#)See page .

William was listed on the tax rolls for 160 acres in the NW 1/4 of S10 T7 R2 in 1830 in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States. [\[15\]](#)See page .

He lived in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States in Jul 1830 with a household containing 2 males 5-10, 1 male 10-15, 1 male 30-40 and 1 female 30-40. [\[16\]](#)See page .

He purchased land being part of the NW quarter of section 10 in township7 of range 2 containing 60 acres for \$350 from Joseph Sellers on 15 Dec 1830 in Preble County, Ohio. [\[17\]](#)See page .

William was listed on the tax rolls for 160 acres in the NW S10T7R2 in 1831 in Preble County, Ohio. [\[18\]](#)See page .

He was listed on the tax rolls for 160 acres in the NW of S10T7R2 in 1832 in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States. [\[19\]](#)See page .

He sold land being the S 1/2 of Section 30 in Township 23 N of Range 9 W to Nelson G Crawford for \$1600 on 3 Sep 1833 in Pine Township, Warren, Indiana, United States. [\[20\]](#)See page .

William was listed on the tax rolls for 160 acres in the NW 1/4 S10T7R2 and 160 acres in the NE 1/4 S10T7R2 in 1834 in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States. [\[21\]](#)See page .

He purchased land being 20 acre portion on East side NW 1/4 S10T7R2 and 160 acres being NE 1/4 S10T7R2 from Joseph Sellers and his wife Rachel for \$2300 on 9 Jan 1834 in Preble County, Ohio. [\[22\]](#)See page .

He was listed on the tax rolls for 160 acres in the NW and 160 acres in the NE of S10 T7 R2 in 1836 in Preble County, Ohio. [\[23\]](#)See page .

William was listed on the tax rolls for 160 acres in the NW and 160 acres in the NE of S10 T7 R2 in 1837 in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States. [\[24\]](#)See page .

He was listed on the tax rolls for 160 acres in the NW and 160 acres in the NE of S10 T7 R2 in 1838 in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States. [\[25\]](#)See page .

He lived in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States in Jul 1840 with a household containing 1 male 10-15, 2 males 15-20, 1 male 40-50, 1 female 5-10 and 1 female 30-40. [\[26\]](#)See page .

William purchased land being 40 acre portion SE 1/4 and 127 acre portion NE 1/4 S17T7R2 from George Crane for \$3340 on 17 Mar 1849 in Preble County, Ohio. [\[27\]](#)See page .

He lived in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States on 29 Jul 1850. [\[28\]](#)See page .

He filed land entry papers for the W1/2 of the SE ¼ and the E ½ of the SW ¼ and the Nee ¼ of the SE ¼ and the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of section 30 in township 23N of range 9W in the District of lands subject to sale at Crawfordsville, Indiana on 1 Jul 1852 in Warren County, Indiana. [\[29\]](#)See page .

William filed land entry papers SE ¼ of the SE ¼ and the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of section 30 in township 23 North of range 9 West in the district of lands subject to sale at Crawfordsville, Indiana containing 26 94/100 acres on 1 Aug 1853 in Warren County, Indiana. [\[30\]](#)See page .

He sold land being part of NW 1/4 S10 T7 R2 described as follows measuring N 42 2/3 rods thence from the southwest corner of said lot 6 rods due East thence 13 1/2 due north to the NE corner of said lot the center of the county road is the West line of said lot to the Board of Education of Washington Township on 3 Sep 1855 in Preble County, Ohio. [\[31\]](#)See page .

He sold land being same parcel of land deeded by Nelson G. Crawford to W. A. Duggins being the W 1/2 NW 1/4 S14T7R2 containing 77 acres to C. J. White for \$2000 on 18 Jan 1856 in Preble County, Ohio. [\[32\]](#)See page .

William sold land being 84 66/100 acres in N part SE 1/4 and S part NE 1/4 S17T7R2 to Henry J. Duggins on 10 Mar 1857 in Preble County, Ohio. [\[33\]](#)See page .

He sold land being the north part of the NE quarter of section 17 in township 7 range 2 to Benjamin A. Duggins for \$3000 on 2 Sep 1857 in Preble County, Ohio. [\[34\]](#)See page .

He lived a 66 year old male farmer born Virginia and was listed as William Duggins in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States on 1 Jul 1860. [\[35\]](#)See page .-[36](#)See page .]

William filed land entry papers in 1865 in Pottawattamie, Iowa, United States. [\[37\]](#)See page .-[38](#)See page .]

He died on 18 Feb 1872 at the age of 77 in Preble County, Ohio. [\[1\]](#)See page .-[2](#)See page ., [39](#)See page .-[40](#)See page .]

He was buried at Mound Hill Cemetery in Eaton, Preble County, Ohio. [\[1\]](#)See page .-[2](#)See page ., [39](#)See page .]

William had his estate probated on 26 Feb 1872 in Preble County, Ohio. [\[41\]](#)See page .-[42](#)See page .]

William A. Duggins and Sally Neal were married on 29 Apr 1819 in Preble County, Ohio. [\[5\]](#)See page .-[9](#)See page .]

Sally Neal, daughter of Benjamin Neal and Mary Sellers, was born on 21 Jun 1798 in Harrison, Kentucky, United States. [\[2\]](#)See page ., [39](#)See page ., [43](#)See page .]

She lived in Ohio in 1809. [\[43\]](#)See page .

She married William A. Duggins on 29 Apr 1819 in Preble County, Ohio. [\[5\]](#)See page .-[9](#)See page .]

She lived in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States on 29 Jul 1850 as a 52 year old white female born Kentucky listed as Sarah Duggins. [\[44\]](#)See page .-[45](#)See page .]

Sally lived in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States on 1 Jul 1860 as a 60 year old female listed as Sally Duggins. [\[35\]](#)See page .

She died on 19 Dec 1871 at the age of 73 in Preble County, Ohio. [\[2\]](#)See page ., [39](#)See page ., [46](#)See page .]

She was buried at Mound Hill Cemetery in Eaton, Preble County, Ohio. [\[2\]](#)See page ., [39](#)See page .]

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Purple Heart

Wilfred Smith

Wilfred Thomas Smith was born on July 25, 1919, in Seneca, Kansas, to John J. and Elizabeth Gunther Smith. He grew up in Seneca, attending the Blue Star School and Saints Peter & Paul School. Before his military service, he worked for Nemaha County in the Roads Department. On February 4, 1939, Wilfred married Marie H. Rosengarten in Topeka, Kansas, and together they had a son, Donald Smith.

Wilfred Smith's military journey began on September 22, 1944, when he enlisted in the U.S. Army at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He served in the 34th Infantry Regiment of the 24th Division, a unit deployed in the South Pacific during World War II. His deployment saw him engaged in several critical battles across the Pacific, where he displayed courage and resilience in the face of adversity.

The 24th Infantry Division, which Wilfred was a part of, played a significant role in the Pacific Theater. After initial occupation duties in the Hollandia area, the division was assigned to X Corps of the Sixth United States Army in preparation for the invasion of the Philippines. On October 20, 1944, the 24th Division landed on Leyte Island, encountering fierce Japanese resistance. The division advanced through the Leyte Valley, capturing strategic positions such as Jaro and Breakneck Ridge in heavy combat.

Wilfred and his regiment continued their assault across various islands, moving from Leyte to Mindoro and then to Luzon. On Luzon, the 34th Infantry Regiment, which included Wilfred, faced intense battles at locations such as Zig Zag Pass and Corregidor, suffering significant casualties. The division then moved to Mindanao, where they engaged in further combat operations, clearing Japanese forces from the island.



During his service in the Philippines, Wilfred was wounded twice. On May 29, 1945, he was slightly wounded on Mindanao, an injury that necessitated hospitalization. Prior to this, he had sustained another injury to his hands and arms, which also required medical attention. Despite these injuries, Wilfred continued to serve with

distinction, earning two Purple Hearts for his bravery and sacrifice. Due to a head injury sustained during combat, he had a steel plate placed in his head, a lasting reminder of his wartime experiences.

Wilfred's letters home during this period were a source of comfort for his family, particularly his wife, Marie, who received frequent updates on his status. The hardships and realities of war were a constant backdrop, but Wilfred's determination and spirit remained undaunted. His family in Seneca, including his parents and siblings, supported him through their correspondence and prayers.

After the war, Wilfred was discharged on April 12, 1946, as a staff sergeant. He returned to his hometown of Seneca, where he resumed civilian life. He worked at the Farmer's Elevator in Seneca before joining the Seneca Wholesale, where he worked for 35 years, first as a truck driver and later as a salesman. He continued to contribute to his community even after his retirement in 1981, working part-time and assisting at local car dealerships.

Wilfred was an active member of the Saints Peter & Paul Church in Seneca and was involved with the St. Joseph Society, the Earle W. Taylor Post #21 of the American Legion, and the Seneca Memorial Post #7458 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He remained dedicated to his community and his church until his death on November 21, 2000, at the age of 81. He was laid to rest with full military honors at the Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery in Seneca, Kansas.

Wilfred Thomas Smith's life is a testament to the bravery and resilience of those who served during World War II. His contributions, both on the battlefield and in his community, reflect the spirit of a generation dedicated to service and sacrifice.

Sources:

Here is a list of sources for the narrative about Wilfred Smith:

1. Find a Grave

- Memorial ID: 31430842
- Information on Wilfred's birth, death, and burial location. Details about his family and military service.

1. Courier Tribune

- *February 1, 1945, Page 2*: Mention of Wilfred's furlough and travel from Camp Robinson, Arkansas, to Fort Ord, California.
- *February 8, 1945, Page 1*: Information about Wilfred returning to his camp at AGF Replacement Depot, No. 2, Fort Ord, California.
- *February 22, 1945, Page 2*: Notice of Wilfred's change of address.
- *April 2, 1945, Page 2*: Update on Wilfred's location in the Philippines.
- *June 25, 1945, Page 1*: Information about Wilfred being hospitalized in the Philippines due to an infection.

Lauer Funeral Home Obituary

- Details about Wilfred's life, including his birth and death dates, family, marriage, military service, post-war life, and community involvement.

Wikipedia

- Entry on the "24th Infantry Division (United States)" providing background on the division's operations in the Pacific Theater during World War II, specifically in New Guinea, Leyte, Luzon, Mindoro, and Mindanao.

Sabetha Herald

- *June 27, 1945, Page 3*: Updates from Wilfred's family about his service in the Philippines and injury to his hand.

Courier Tribune

- *June 28, 1945, Page 1*: Telegram informing Marie H. Smith that Wilfred was slightly wounded on Mindanao, Philippines, on May 29, 1945.

US WWII Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946

- Information on Wilfred's enlistment date, location, and initial assignments.

The Summerfield Sun

- *January 6, 1944, Page 4*: Report on Wilfred being slightly wounded in Italy and hope for his recovery.

US Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010

- Provides confirmation of Wilfred's service period and discharge date from the military.

US Veterans' Gravesites, ca 1775-2019

- Confirms burial location and military service details.

US, WWII Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954

- Details on Wilfred's injuries, medical treatment, and recovery while serving in the Pacific Theater.

Wandering

Do you ever feel like you've wandered off course in your genealogy research? Lately, I've found myself 'off track' with my Crawford research, especially while exploring FamilySearch's new experimental labs. While I've uncovered fascinating deeds and wills, I'm not quite sure how they connect to my Crawford lineage.

It reminds me of a recent trip to [Grinter Farms](https://www.facebook.com/GrinterFarms) See <https://www.facebook.com/GrinterFarms>. with my husband to see the sunflowers. Just like genealogy, we had two options for getting there: the fast, familiar route or a slower, less-traveled one. Due to construction, we opted for the back roads, and what a choice that was! The drive led us through scenic farm country, offering unexpected beauty along the way.

In the end, I got to take some amazing photos of the sunflowers—just like in genealogy, even when you're unsure of your path, the journey can still lead to rewarding discoveries.





Leeds Method

I've known about this technique for analyzing matches for a while, but I hadn't fully applied it until now. Recently, Dana Leeds shared a helpful video walking through the process, which you can watch here:

How to Do the Leeds Method with Your DNA Matches: A Step-by-Step Guide

https://youtube.com/watch?v=zMDbU72_-Ms



So, I decided to dive in and see what insights I could uncover from my own DNA matches.

			Currey/ Hutchinson	Mentzer/ Wells	Crawford/ Hammond	Briles/ Ricketts
Tree	in my tree					
no -	yes	335	*			
unlinked	yes	189				
yes	yes	179				
no -	no	147				
yes	yes	132				
yes	yes	127				
yes - all private		123				
unlinked - all private		122				
unlinked - only 2 people		119				
unlinked		114				
unlinked - 1 person		113				
no -		110				
unlinked	yes	105				
unlinked	yes	101				
yes	yes	144				
unlinked	yes	307		*		
no -	yes	281				
unlinked	yes	280				
no -	yes	180				
unlinked	yes	154				
yes	yes	154				
unlinked	yes	137				
yes	yes	133				
yes	yes	119				
yes	yes	111				
unlinked - 4 people		111				
yes	yes	106				
no -		100				
unlinked	yes	95				
yes	yes	203				*
yes	yes	98				
no -		96				
yes	yes	92				
yes	yes	305			*	
no -		189				
yes	yes	186				
yes	yes	131				
no -	yes	126				
yes - 2 private		114				

So, what did I discover?

One interesting match came from my first cousin's granddaughter, who had both yellow and pink highlights, as we share the same grandparents.

By adding family tree information to the spreadsheet, I realized that I hadn't connected some known matches to my tree. I was able to update this information and make those connections.

Initially, I was surprised to find only a few 'pink' matches compared to the other three branches of my tree. However, after reviewing my tree, I realized this could be due to my mother having only three first cousins on that branch.

While I didn't uncover any major revelations, this process gave me a clearer understanding of how grouping matches can help unravel relationships.

Friday Find

Marriage of John F Mentzer to Anna M Wells in Woodson County, Kansas.

MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD.

State of Kansas, In the Probate Court of said County and State.
 Woodson County.
 John F. Mentzer who now here makes application for Marriage License, addressed to any person authorized by law to join in marriage. John F. Mentzer the said John F. Mentzer
 aged 23 years, and Anna M. Wells aged 22 years, being by me first duly sworn,
 doth say that the above statements are true.

And that they, the said John F. Mentzer and Anna M. Wells
 are not related to each other by the degrees prohibited by law, to-wit: Parent and child, grandparent and grandchild of any degree, brother and
 sister of either the one-half or of the whole blood, uncle and niece, aunt and nephew, nor first cousins—and that there exists no legal impediment
 to said marriage.

In Testimony Whereof, I, the undersigned, Judge of the Probate Court in and for Woodson
 County, and ex-officio Clerk thereof, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said
 Court at my office, this 23 day of March, A. D. 1895.

(SEAL) Jos. Dutro Probate Judge.

STATE OF KANSAS, Office of Probate Judge of said County.
 COUNTY OF WOODSON.
 Be it Remembered, that on the 23 day of March, A. D. 1895, there was issued from the office of said
 Probate Judge, a Marriage License, of which the following is a true copy:

MARRIAGE LICENSE

No. _____
 Woodson County, State of Kansas, given under my hand, this 23 A. D. 1895.

To any Person Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in Marriage John F. Mentzer and Anna M. Wells
 aged 23 years, and Anna M. Wells aged 22 years, and of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days.

(Seal) Jos. Dutro Probate Judge.

And which said Marriage License was afterwards, to-wit: on the 24 day of March, A. D. 1895, returned to
 said Probate Judge, with the following Certificate endorsed thereon, to-wit:

STATE OF KANSAS, County of Woodson, ss.
 I, H. Lamb do hereby certify, that in accordance with the
 authorization of the within License, I did, on the 24 day of March, A. D. 1895,
 at _____ in said County, join and unite in Marriage the within
 named John F. Mentzer and Anna M. Wells
 witness my hand and seal this day and year above written.

H. Lamb Christian Minister

ATTEST: Jos. Dutro Probate Judge.

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Saturday Tidbits

A Critical Time in History of World

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Courier Tribune, 12 May 1941, page 1

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Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Were your parents related to each other? Do your paternal and maternal lines have any surnames in common? Are they related or is there no known connection? Are there possible connections?

Are my parents related to each other?

I'm not aware of any relationship. However, the Smith surname is found in both sides of my tree. Thus, it is possible that my parents are distant cousins.

Ancestry DNA's "by parent" screen shows 379 matches to both sides.

The screenshot displays the 'Both sides' section of Ancestry DNA's 'by parent' screen. On the left, under the heading 'Both sides', there are four circular profile pictures and the text '379 matches' with a 'View matches' button below it. In the center, a box titled 'Last names in trees' lists 'Aubrey', 'Banta', 'Bates', and 'Smith'. Below this list, it states: 'These are the most common last names which can be found in the trees of both your maternal and paternal matches.' and includes a 'View more' link. On the right, a grey box titled 'Why are some n related to both p' contains text explaining that matches could descend from common ancestors, be distant relatives, or share segments on the same side of the tree, or belong to the same population. It also includes a 'Learn more' link.

Since I have color coded most of my matches I can scroll thru matches I share with my mother looking for green or blue shades of the dots since these colors are associated with my dad's side of the tree. Thus, when I find a match in Crawford and Currey groups along with Mentzer and Wells groups, I know I have come across someone who shares DNA with both sides of my tree.

		B 3C Briles Thompson	1229	
		C 3C Crawford Foster	1697	
		C 3C Currey Burke	1260	
		H 3C Hammond Ralston	445	
		H 3C Hutchinson Harding	627	
		M 3C Mentzer Minnick	293	
		R 3C Ricketts Christy	913	
		W 3C Wells Crandall	344	

Because this possible relationship is quite distant, I doubt I will ever figure out how my parents might be related.

Benjamin Duggins Land

Farmer Benjamin Duggins purchases a little over 84 acres of land in Preble county, Ohio from his parents in 1857.

William A. Duggins and Sally Duggins to Benjamin A Duggins presented & Recorded September 2d 1857 Know all men by these presents that William A Duggins and Sally Duggins of the county of Preble and State of Ohio, in consideration of three thousand Dollars to them paid by Benjamin A. Duggins of the County of Preble and State of Ohio the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby grant bargain sell and convey to the said Benjamin A. Duggins his heirs and assigns forever the following described real estate situate lying and being in the County of Preble and State of Ohio and being the North part of the North East quarter of section No. seventeen (17) in Township No. seven (7) and range two (2) East &c & bounded and described as follows to wit: Beginning at the North west corner of said quarter a + on a boulder witness a W on a boulder N 57 3/4 degrees E 46 links and a W on a boulder N [5]2 1/2 degrees W 4[4] links thence N 86 degrees east one hundred twenty nine forty hundredths poles to a corner a + on a boulder planted for the SW corner of section 9 thence South 4 degrees E one hundred and four and sixty one hundredths poles to a corner thence S 86 degrees west one hundred and twenty nine and forty hundredths poles to the west line of said quarter, thence north 4 degrees West one hundred and four and forty two hundredths poles to the place of beginning containing eighty four and sixty five hundredth acres be the same more or less and all the estate title and interest of the said William A. Duggins and Sally Duggins either in law or in equity of in and to the said premises together with all the privileges & appurtenances to the same belonging to have and to hold the same to the only proper use of the said Benjamin A. Duggins his heirs and assigns forever And the said William A Duggins and Sally Duggins for themselves their heirs executors and administrators hereby covenant with the said Benjamin A Duggins his heirs and assigns that they are the true and lawful owners of the said premises and have full power to convey the same and that the title so conveyed is clean free and unencumbered and further that they will warrant and defend the same against all claim or claims of all persons whatsoever. In witness whereof, the said William A. Duggins and Sally Duggins his wife who hereby release his right and expectancy of dower in the said premises, have hereunto set their hands and seals on this tenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven Signed Sealed
William A. (his mark) Duggins (seal)
Sally (her mark) Duggins (seal)

Acknowledged and delivered in presence of us
Chas W swain
John V Campbell
John Neal

State of Ohio Preble County SS
Be it remembered that on the tenth day of March in eh year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven before me the subscriber Judge

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of the Probate Court in and for said county personally came William A. Duggins and Sally Duggins the grantors in the above deed and acknowledged the signing and sealing thereof

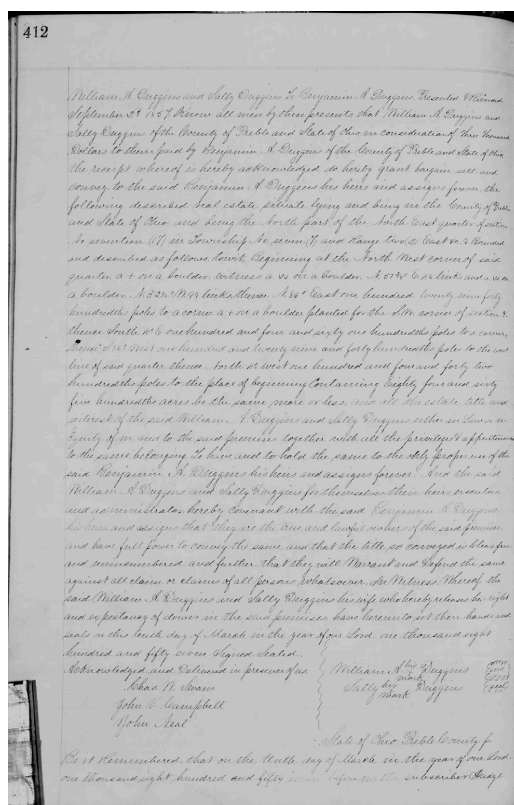
to be their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and the said Sally Duggins wife of the said William A. Duggins being examined by me separate and apart from her said husband and the contents of said deed made known & explained to her by me as the Statute directs declared that she did voluntarily sign seal & acknowledge the same and that she is still satisfied therewith as her act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal on the day and year aforesaid

(seal)

John V Campbell

Probate Judge

Ohio, Preble County. Deeds, 1805-1963. Film #564925 DGS 8588004. Benjamin Duggins, 10 March 1857; Vol. 46: page 412; digital image, Family Search <http://www.familysearch.org> See <http://www.familysearch.org/>. : viewed online 14 September 2024.



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of the Probate Court in and for said County, personally came William A. Duggins and
 Abby Duggins the daughter in the above case and acknowledged the signing and carrying out
 to be their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein contained, and the
 said Abby Duggins wife of the said William A. Duggins being examined by me, swore,
 and a part from her own husband and the contents of said deed were deemed sufficient
 to her by me as the Probate Court, declared that she did voluntarily sign and acknowledge
 the same, and that she is still sane and of sound mind, and that she has not been
 for the purposes therein mentioned, in the County thereof I have become a subscriber
 my name and affixed my official seal on the above and foregoing.

Wm. A. Duggins
 Abby Duggins

Purple Heart

James J Huerter

James J. Huerter, born on May 29, 1924, in Nemaha County, Kansas, lived a life marked by service and dedication. Growing up in the Goff community, he graduated from Goff High School in 1942, just as the world was engulfed in the turmoil of World War II. James Joseph Huerter registered for the draft in June 1942. On February 28, 1944, James enlisted in the U.S. Army at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and was assigned to the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment, a unit renowned for its airborne operations in the Pacific Theater.

James's military journey began with rigorous training stateside before he was deployed to the Pacific. As a member of the 503rd, he found himself amidst some of the most critical battles of the Pacific campaign. Although specific details of his personal actions during these engagements are not extensively documented, the history of his unit provides a vivid backdrop to his service.

The 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment was heavily involved in major operations across the Pacific. One of their significant missions took place in July 1944 on the island of Noemfoor, off the coast of Dutch New Guinea. The regiment successfully parachuted onto the island, engaged the Japanese garrison, and secured airfields that would be vital for future Allied operations moving from New Guinea to the Philippines. This operation exemplified the effectiveness and strategic importance of airborne assaults in the Pacific.

In December 1944, the 503rd took part in an amphibious landing on Mindoro Island in the Philippines. Originally planned as an airborne operation, the landing was adapted to an amphibious assault due to logistical constraints. The mission aimed to establish air bases to support further operations in Luzon. Despite facing intense Japanese resistance, including naval shelling and air attacks, the 503rd achieved its objectives, securing key positions that would facilitate subsequent Allied advances.

The regiment's most famous operation was the assault on Corregidor in February 1945. On February 16, the 503rd conducted a daring parachute jump onto the island fortress of Corregidor in Manila Bay. This mission was crucial in liberating the island from Japanese control, a symbolic and strategic victory. The operation was marked by intense fighting, with the 503rd encountering stiff resistance from the Japanese defenders. The successful capture of Corregidor earned the regiment the Presidential Unit Citation, recognizing their extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy.

Following Corregidor, the 503rd was deployed to Negros Island in March 1945, where they engaged in prolonged combat against Japanese forces entrenched in the island's mountainous terrain. For over five months, the regiment faced fierce resistance, demonstrating their resilience and tenacity. The campaign on Negros was one of endurance and tactical maneuvering, further solidifying the 503rd's reputation as a formidable fighting force.

In April 1945, James Huerter was hospitalized due to a battle-related injury. He remained under medical care until his discharge in June 1945.

During his service with the 503rd, James was involved in these significant campaigns, experiencing the realities of war in the Pacific. He was wounded multiple times, earning three Purple Hearts for his injuries, and he was awarded two Bronze Stars, a testament to his bravery and service. He was discharged from the Army on February 9, 1946, with the rank of Technician Fifth Grade (Tec 5).

Upon returning to civilian life, James continued to serve his community. He pursued a certificate in Electrical studies and married Geraldine "Jerrie" B. Enneking on September 3, 1946. Together, they made their home in the Kelly community of Kansas. James remained an active member of his community and veterans' organizations, embodying the spirit of service throughout his life.

James J. Huerter's military career is interwoven with the remarkable history of the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment. While the broader actions of his unit in the Pacific Theater are well-documented and celebrated, James's personal journey through these harrowing experiences reflects the courage and dedication of a soldier committed to his duty. His service, alongside his comrades in the 503rd, contributed to the Allied efforts to secure victory in World War II.



James J. Huerter

BIRTH	29 May 1924 Nemaha County, Kansas, USA
DEATH	28 Jul 2021 (aged 97) Seneca, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA
BURIAL	Saint Bedes Cemetery Kelly, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA
MEMORIAL ID	230063156 · View Source

Photo added by [Tony Sedlacek](#)

Sources:

Find a Grave

- Provides biographical details about James J. Huerter, including his birth, death, family, and post-war life.

Courier Tribune, 1 May 1944, Page 2

- Mentions James Huerter's service in the U.S. Army and his assignment to the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment.

Courier Tribune, 23 Oct 1944, Page 1

- Describes James Huerter's furlough from Yuma, Arizona Army Airport to visit his family.

Courier Tribune, 18 Sep 1944, Page 6

- Notes James Huerter's leave from Ft. Benning, Georgia, and his experience as a paratrooper with the 503rd.

Courier Tribune, 11 April 1946, Page 3

- Details James Huerter's return from overseas service and his sister Mary Catherine's visit.

Courier Tribune, 29 April 1946, Page 3

- Describes James Huerter's employment at the A&P store following his return from military service.

Perplexity

- Provides a historical overview of the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment's actions in World War II, including major operations such as the Noemfoor Campaign, the Mindoro Operation, the Battle of Corregidor, and the Negros Campaign.

WWII Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954

- Lists details about James Huerter's injuries and medical treatment during his military service.

WWII Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946

- Provides information about James Huerter's enlistment, service number, and rank.

WWII Draft Registration Cards for Kansas, 1940-1947

– Contains personal details from James Huerter's draft registration.

A Condensed History of the 503d Parachute Regimental Combat Team, WWII

– Provides a detailed history of the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment, including their training, operations, and battles during World War II.

Note: The above narrative was written by [ChatGPT](https://chatgpt.com/) See <https://chatgpt.com/>. using the information from the various sources.

Re-Thinking TreeShare

Do you use RootsMagic? Have an Ancestry tree? Do you sync them regularly?

Based on discussions from various genealogy groups, many RootsMagic users treat their Ancestry tree as their primary one, using RootsMagic's TreeShare feature to download updates and sync information.

However, in the blog post "[Why I Don't Sync RootsMagic with Ancestry Anymore](https://sixgen.org/why-i-dont-sync-rootsmagic-with-ancestry-anymore/)" by Stewart Blandon Trainman, the author explains why they no longer download updates from Ancestry, which resonates with my own experience.

I've used RootsMagic as my primary tree and relied on TreeShare to upload changes for a while, but recently, I've run into problems that make me reconsider this approach. These issues, I believe, stem from the Ancestry side.

The Issues

Incorrect Change Detection: TreeShare often flags many people in my tree as "changed" when, in fact, they're the same. With a large tree, this becomes time-consuming as I have to manually mark people as unchanged.

The screenshot shows the TreeShare for Ancestry interface. On the left, a list of people is shown, with 'Briles, Albert Claud-2571' selected. The main area displays a comparison between RootsMagic and Ancestry data for this person.

RootsMagic	Ancestry
Person Albert Claud Briles Name ☆ Albert Claud Briles Birth 1 Apr 1879 Death 6 Jun 1957 Father George R. Briles	Person Albert Claud Briles Name ☆ Albert Claud Briles Birth 1 Apr 1879 Death 6 Jun 1957 Father George R. Briles

Source Conflicts: Individuals frequently appear on the TreeShare list as having changes when the only difference is in the event sources, which often turns out to be trivial or non-existent.

TreeShare

TreeShare for Ancestry

Connected to Tree: Heartland Genealogy - Crawford, Currey, Briles, Mentzer

Signed in Log out

AA Color Grey (DUggins)
☒ Only show changed people
 Search (Surname, Given)

Name

- Duggins, Charles Fremont
- Duggins, Emma-1248
- Duggins, Henry-1244
- Duggins, Henry-481
- Duggins, James Harvey-47
- Duggins, Jennie Rachel
- Duggins, John F.-351
- Duggins, John F.-488
- Duggins, John R.-494

Edit RootsMagic person Show on Ancestry Options

RootsMagic		Ancestry	
Person	Henry Duggins	Person	Henry Duggins
Name	Henry Duggins	Name	Henry Duggins
Birth	abt 1851 Ohio, United States	Birth	abt 1851 Ohio, United States
Census	1 Jul 1860 Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, U	Census	1 Jul 1860 Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, U
	1 Jul 1870 Preble, Ohio, United States, a 19 year		1 Jul 1870 Preble, Ohio, United States, a 19 year
	1 Jul 1880 Preble, Ohio, United States, a 28 year		1 Jul 1880 Preble, Ohio, United States, a 28 year
Father	Washington P. Duggins	Father	Washington P. Duggins
Mother	Mary Lugar	Mother	Mary Lugar

TreeShare

Compare Sources

RootsMagic	Ancestry
Sources	Sources
Gilbert, Audrey, 1870 Preble County Ohio Census (: ,). p. 141 (Crawford.OH.086)	Gilbert, Audrey, 1870 Preble County Ohio Census (: ,). p. 141 (Crawford.OH.086)

TreeShare

Compare Sources

RootsMagic	Ancestry
Sources	Sources
1860 U.S. Census, Preble County, Ohio, population schedule, : digital image, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com : accessed); NARA microfilm publication M653 page 12, dwelling 98, family 98 (Duggins.Cen.02)	1860 U.S. Census, Preble County, Ohio, population schedule, : digital image, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com : accessed); NARA microfilm publication M653. page 12, dwelling 98, family 98 (Duggins.Cen.02)

Slow Processes: While updating my Duggins research, I encountered serious lag time with TreeShare. For example, converting an old CENSUS event to a RESIDENCE event in RootsMagic is quick, but TreeShare required over 2 minutes just to delete a single census fact.

TreeShare for Ancestry

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RootsMagic

Person **Henry J. Duggins**

Name	Henry J. Duggins
Birth	6 Dec 1821 Preble, Ohio, United States
Death	21 Sep 1901 Illinois, United States
Burial	Elmwood Township Cemetery, Elm
Census	29 Jul 1850 Washington Township, Preble, Ohio
Residence	1850 Washington, Preble, Ohio, USA
	1860 Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United St
	1870 Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United St
	1880 Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United St
	1900 Elmwood Township, Peoria, Illinois,

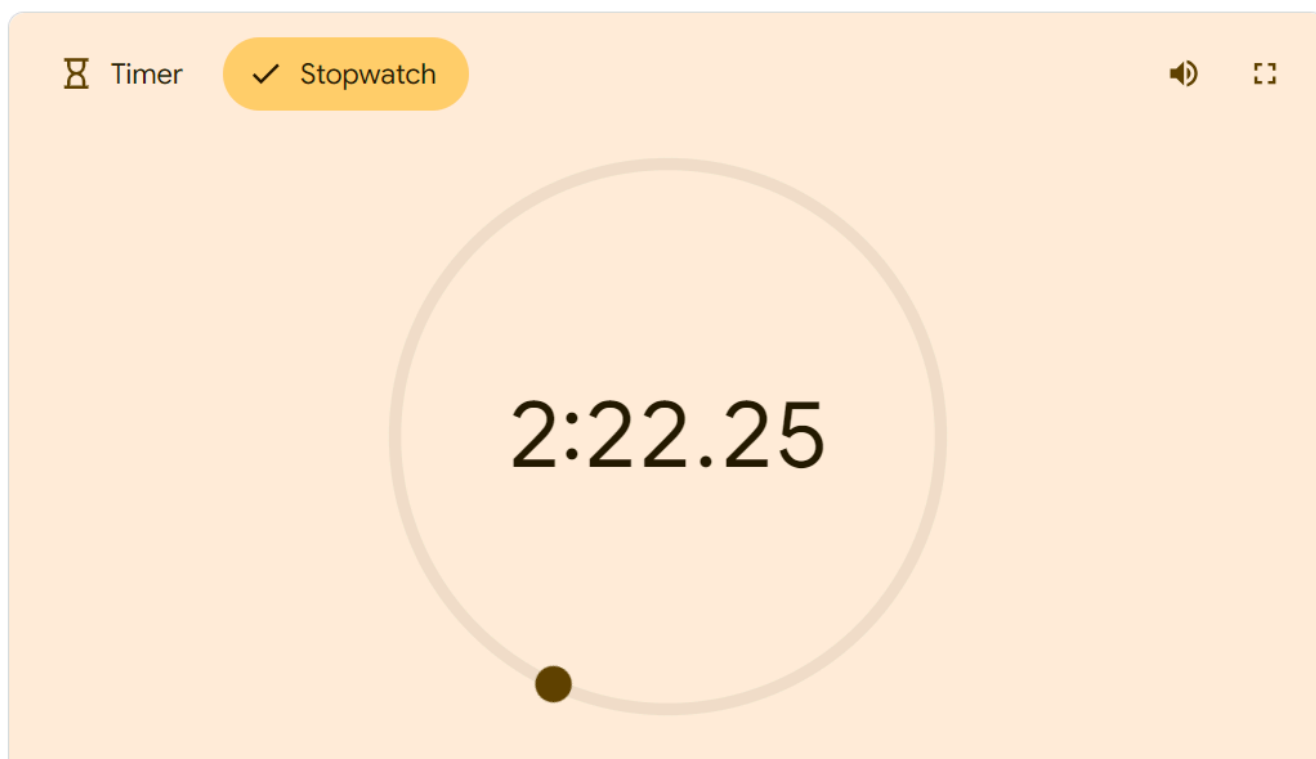
Ancestry

Person **Henry J. Duggins**

Name	Henry J. Duggins
Birth	abt 1822 Ohio, United States
Death	21 Sep 1901 Illinois, United States of America
Burial	Elmwood, Peoria County, Illinois, U
Census	29 Jul 1850 Washington Township, Preble, Ohio
Residence	1850 Washington, Preble, Ohio, USA
	1860 Elmwood, Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois
	1870 Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, USA, Resi
	1880 Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, USA, Mar
	1900 Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, USA, Mar
	1 Jul 1863 Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, USA, Mar

[View help on using TreeShare and WebHints for Ancestry](#)

Close



Similarly, correcting dates can take over a minute.

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Search (Surname, Given)

Name

- Howard, Jasper
- Hunter, Jane-492
- Kelley, Georgia M.-1267
- Lugar, Mary-475
- Miller, ____-1405
- Monfort, Elizabeth-474
- Neal, Sally-485
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RootsMagic

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Name **Mildred Patterson**

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Death 22 Feb 1922 Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States

Burial 28 Feb 1922 Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States

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TreeShare for Ancestry

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Search (Surname, Given)

Name

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- Hunter, Jane-492
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- Lugar, Mary-475
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Update Fact

Update Ancestry Fact: Death of Mildred Patterson

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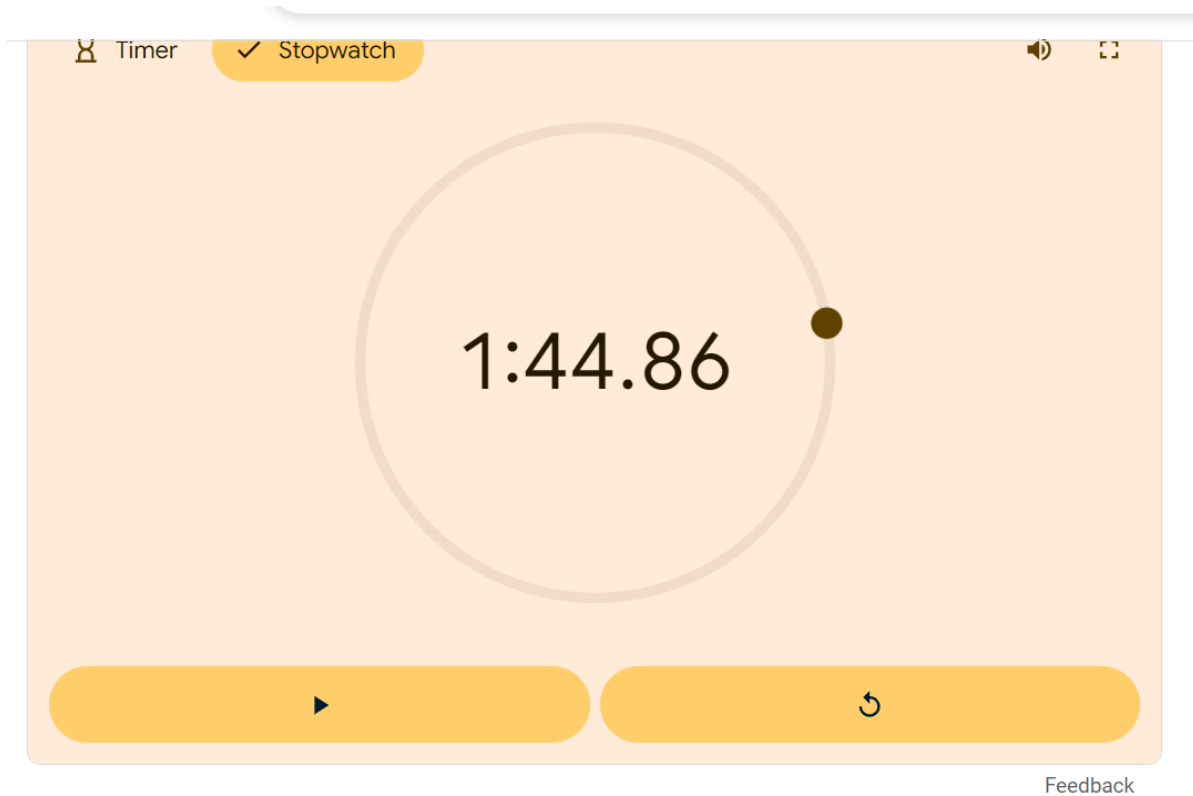
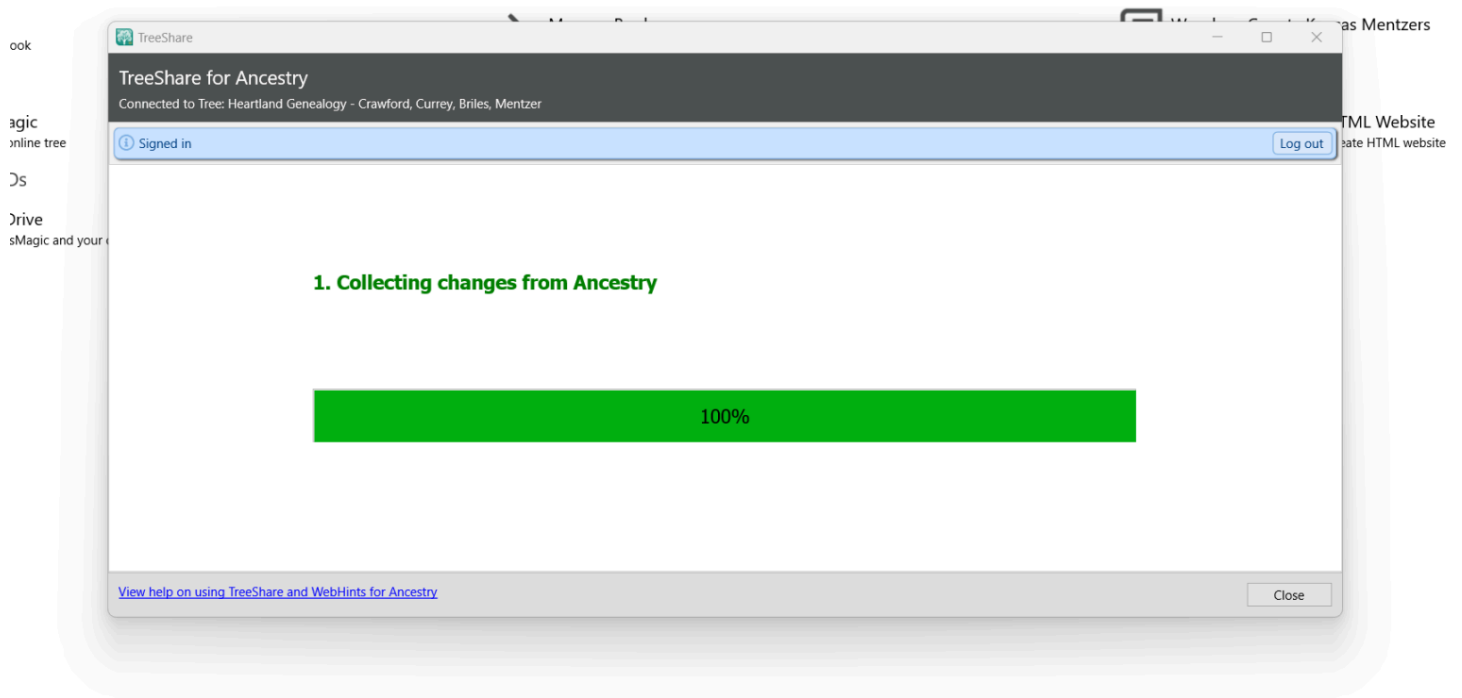
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OK Cancel

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Time-consuming Uploads: Recently, I timed the upload of a single individual, Jasper Howard, to my Ancestry tree, and it took over 4 minutes, even getting stuck at 22% for a while.

TreeShare for Ancestry

Connected to Tree: Heartland Genealogy - Crawford, Currey, Briles, Mentzer

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☒ Only show changed people
 Search (Surname, Given)

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Duggins, William G.-1272		
Duggins, William H.-732		
Duggins, William Henry-2		
Duggins, William Minor-8		
Duggins, William N.-470		
Duggins, William T.-476		
Greer, Anna-489		
Hickman, Minerva A.-1266		
Howard, Jasper		
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Edit RootsMagic person Options

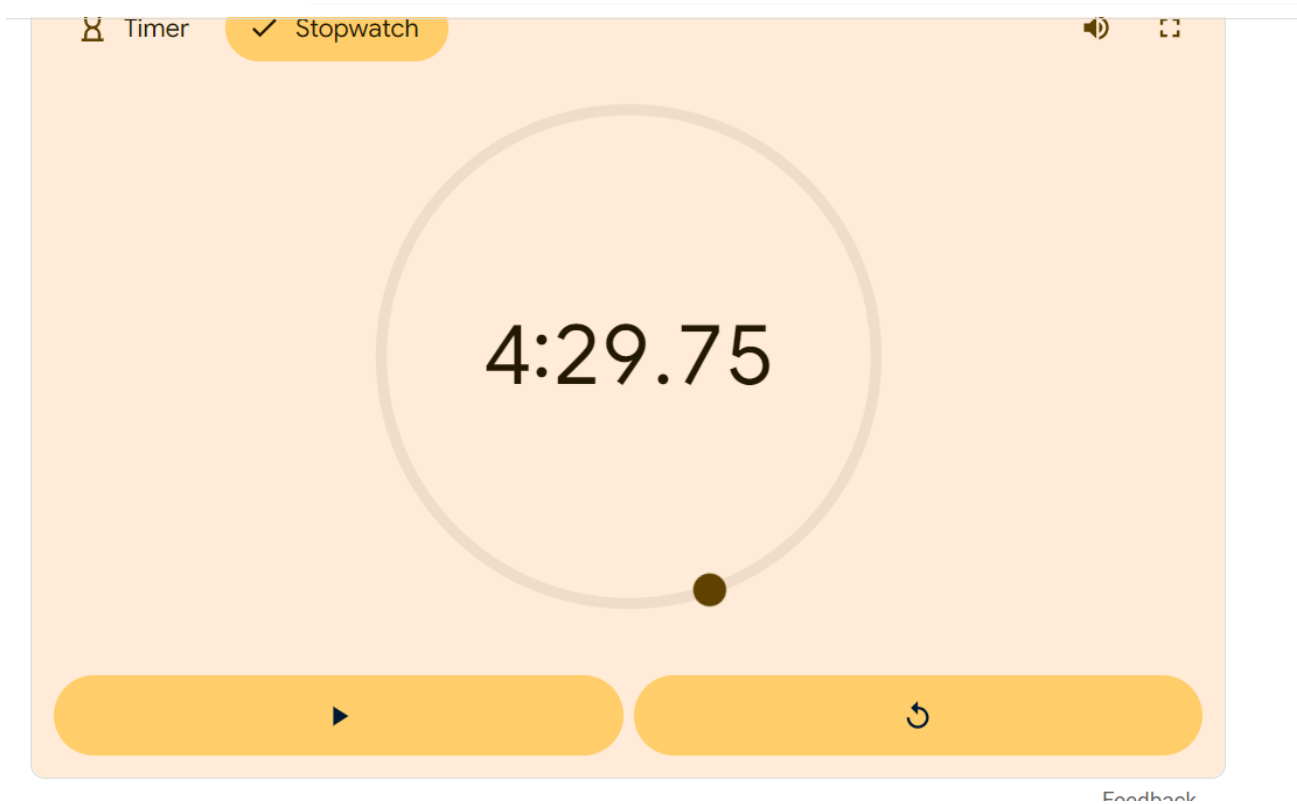
RootsMagic **Ancestry**

This RootsMagic person is not connected to anyone in your Ancestry tree yet

Best matches in your Ancestry Tree [Show all](#)

Link Add Delete

Person Jasper Howard	
Name	Jasper Howard
Birth	Feb 1855 Farmington, Fulton, Illinois, United Sta
Death	
Spouse	Mary C Duggins



What's Next?

Given these frustrations, I suspect the problem lies with Ancestry's handling of TreeShare. This was confirmed when I received the typical Ancestry error message while accessing my tree.

Note: You may be experiencing some intermittent service with the Ancestry.com website. We apologize for any inconvenience this might cause and appreciate your patience as we work to resolve the problem as quickly as possible.



Moving forward, I've decided to stop using TreeShare for now. Instead, I'll continue managing my primary tree in RootsMagic, adding individuals, sources, and images there. I'll manually update my Ancestry tree when necessary, especially when new descendants are added as part of my DNA research. I'll update sources on Ancestry as I accept hints during research.

AI and Logo Creation

Have you ever used Artificial Intelligence (AI) to create a logo? Recently, C. McCulloch shared her experience with logo creation using AI in the *Genealogy and Artificial Intelligence* group on Facebook. Inspired by her post, I decided to experiment with [ChatGPT](https://chatgpt.com/) See <https://chatgpt.com/>. to design a logo for an upcoming event at the Nemaha County Historical Society.

Design a futuristic logo featuring a tree symbol with digital nodes as branches, blending nature and technology, using green and metallic gray to symbolize growth, connection, and modernity. Write in English text letters and words the following: "Nemaha County Kansas" across the top. Using the same English text letters, write "Prussia / German Roots" across the bottom. Do not add anything to the text letters or words and do not remove anything. The logo should be self-explanatory and effortlessly familiar, evoking an instinctive response from the viewer. The logo should aim to establish a strong emotional resonance, allowing it to form a lasting and meaningful connection.



While I was pleased with the initial results, I found the small text (13-30) above the lines less than ideal. To explore other options, I turned to ideogram.ai See <https://ideogram.ai/>.

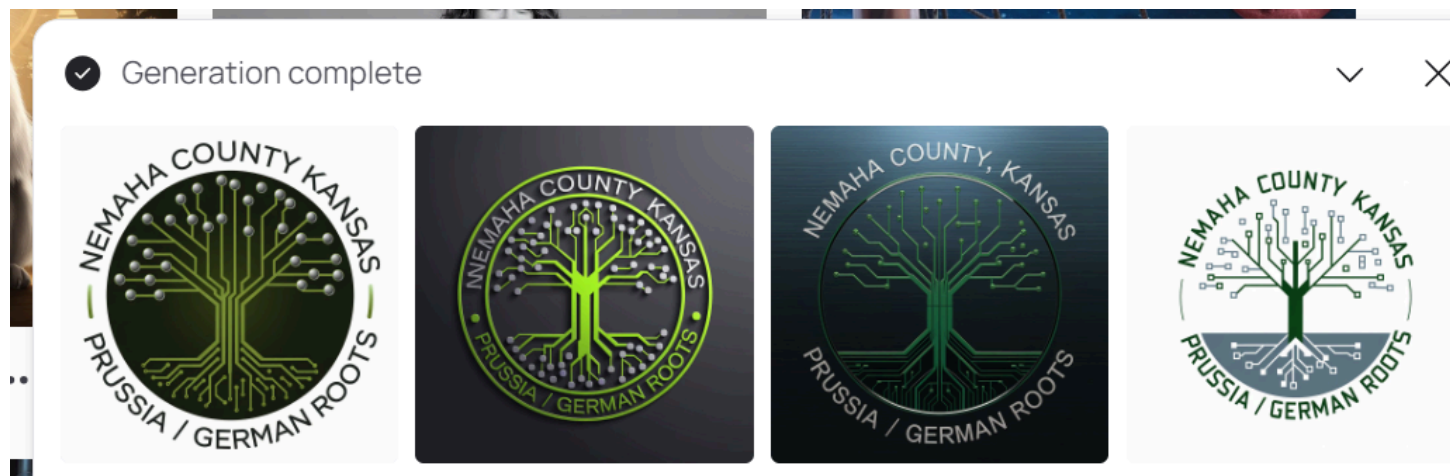


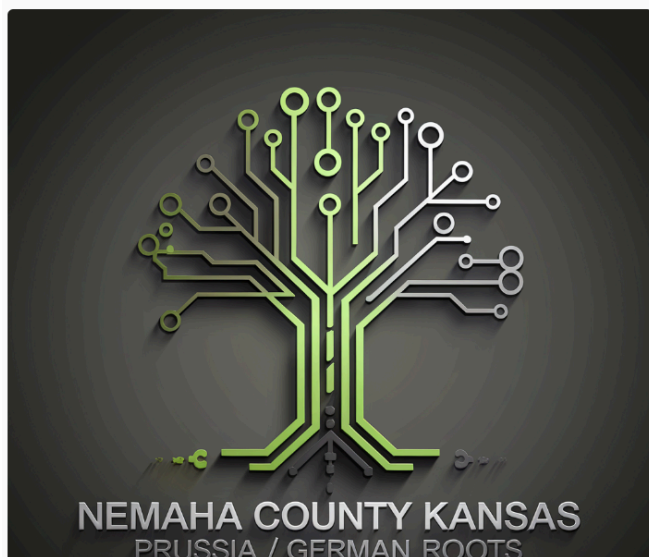
What will you create?

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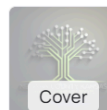
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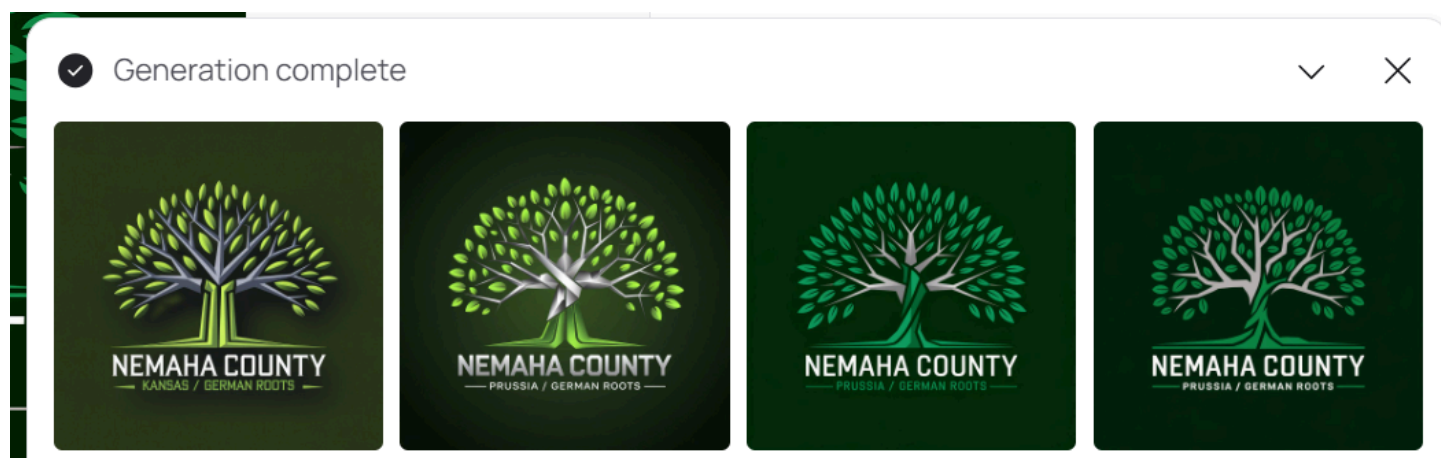
Prompt



Design a futuristic logo featuring a tree

My revised prompt was:

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After receiving additional credits and conducting further research on Germany’s timeline and geography, I revised my prompt and made another attempt.

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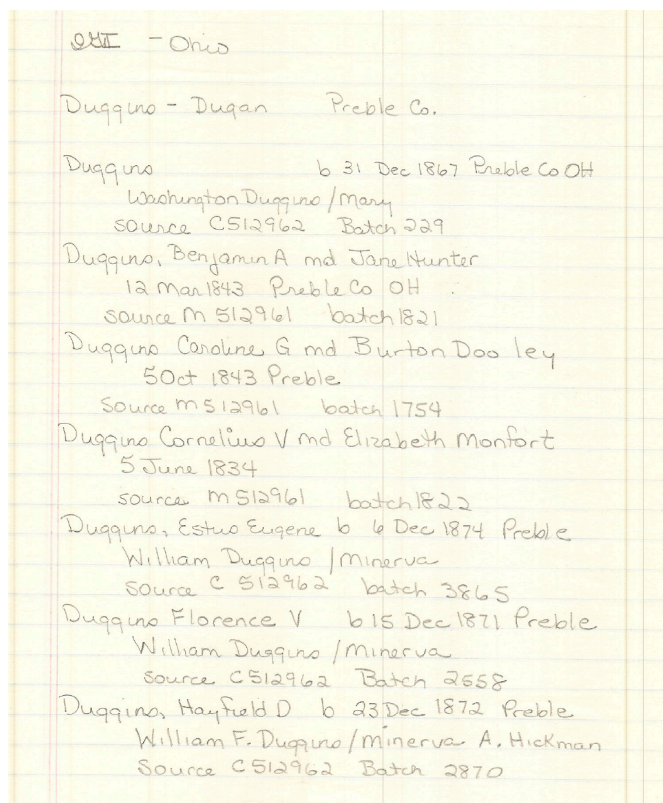


I'm likely to use the second design in our promotional materials for the Oktoberfest open house. Thank you, [Ideogram](https://ideogram.ai/) See <https://ideogram.ai/>, for assisting in the creation of the logo.

Friday Find

IGI

While updating sources for Benjamin Duggins, I came across some old notes from the IGI (International Genealogical Index). Do you remember using the IGI in your research?



Hoping to update these notes with a digital version of the IGI, I searched online and found that FamilySearch offers a way to search the IGI directly.

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International Genealogical Index (IGI)

The indexed International Genealogical Index collection searches all historical record collections containing indexed records taken from the original International Genealogical Index (IGI). Names in the original IGI came from 2 different sources: indexed records and user contributions. FamilySearch split the IGI into several historical record collections plus the Contributed International Genealogical Index. Search all relevant historical record collections here. Search user contributions in the [Contributed International Genealogical Index](#) collection in Genealogies.

First Names
Last Names

Place
Year

I searched for Duggins in Preble County, Ohio, and while I found some familiar names, I didn't locate the marriage record for Benjamin A. Duggins and Jane Hunter.

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Filtered Results (7) [PREFERENCES](#) [SEARCH](#)

Collection Sex Race Birth

Name	Events	Relationships
Hayfield D. Duggins Principal Ohio Births and Christenings, 1821-1962	Birth 23 December 1872 Preble, Ohio, United States	Parents William F. Duggins, Minerva A. Hickman
Estus Eugene Duggins Principal Ohio Births and Christenings, 1821-1962	Birth 6 December 1874 Preble, Ohio, United States	Parents William Duggins, Minerva
Florence V. Duggins Principal Ohio Births and Christenings, 1821-1962	Birth 15 December 1871 Preble, Ohio, United States	Parents William Duggins, Manerva A.

Search ×

Add Ancestor Information
NAME ALTERNATE NAME SEX

First Names

Last Names

Add Life Event
ANY BIRTH MARRIAGE RESIDENCE DEATH

Place

Year (Range)
From To

Add Family Member

Curious about the missing record, I explored further by looking up the [IGI Wiki](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/International_Genealogical_Index_(IGI)_-FamilySearch_Historical_Records) [See https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/International_Genealogical_Index_\(IGI\)_-FamilySearch_Historical_Records](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/International_Genealogical_Index_(IGI)_-FamilySearch_Historical_Records), which includes a section on “[Known Issues](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/International_Genealogical_Index_(IGI)_-FamilySearch_Historical_Records/Known_Issues)” [See https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/International_Genealogical_Index_\(IGI\)_-FamilySearch_Historical_Records/Known_Issues](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/International_Genealogical_Index_(IGI)_-FamilySearch_Historical_Records/Known_Issues).” This helped me understand that the IGI has been divided into two parts: historical records and contributed records. However, I couldn't immediately find the tab for contributed records. Returning to the search screen, I noticed an explanation indicating I had been searching historical records, and there was a link to search the contributed records separately.

FamilySearch Family Tree Search Memories Get Involved Activities

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International Genealogical Index (IGI)

A large archive of historical data originally submitted by members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and that has since been closed. Entries include a name and at least one life event.

First Names Last Names

Place Year

[SEARCH](#) [MORE OPTIONS](#)

Once I switched to searching the contributed IGI, I found several references to Benjamin Duggins' marriage to Jane Hunter.

Although I didn't find a specific record of their marriage, I gained a better understanding of how to navigate the updated version of the IGI.

Saturday Tidbits

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The board will notify the men who are given deferred classification. They will not notify the men who are rated Class A-1. Those who do not get notice of deferred classification within 30 days after they have returned their questionnaires can take it for granted they are in Class A-1, subject to the physical examination. However, there will be men in Class A-1 who want to know at once, for business reasons, whether they are likely to be accepted or not. Such men, if property owners, can go to the induction center at their own expense and have a physical examination.

No man, having filled out his questionnaire, should pay a notary fee for witnessing it. The local advisers and the postmaster in each town are qualified to acknowledge the signature.

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Courier Tribune, 12 May 1941, page 1

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Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Calling all [Genea-Musings](https://www.geneamusings.com/) See <https://www.geneamusings.com/>. Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Choose an ancestor who experienced or did something unique or memorable (such as an event, family life, trip, etc.).

What comes to mind when you hear the word 'protester'? For me, I often think of someone in a large crowd, marching in solidarity for or against a cause. My grandfather didn't march in the streets, but make no mistake—he was a protester.

I've shared his story across several blog posts, each capturing different aspects of his unique protest.

- [Filling in the Dash](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2018/02/13/newspapers-filling-in-the-dash/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2018/02/13/newspapers-filling-in-the-dash/>.
- [The Dash](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2021/02/20/the-dash/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2021/02/20/the-dash/>.
- [E. O. Briles](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2017/01/12/e-o-briles/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2017/01/12/e-o-briles/>.
- [Protestor in the Family](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2018/04/24/protestor-in-the-family-e-o-briles/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2018/04/24/protestor-in-the-family-e-o-briles/>.

For this post, I've gathered information from those previous entries and fed it into [ChatGPT](https://chatgpt.com/) See <https://chatgpt.com/>., using the following prompt:

The attached document contains portions of various blog posts about Edward O. Briles' protests of blue laws, including his being arrested and spending time in jail. A line divides each post. Just below the line is the name of the post and the URL for that post. Using this information, compile a narrative about this unique experience.

Below is my grandfather's protest story as compiled by ChatGPT:

Edward Osmund Briles, a movie theater owner and a staunch advocate for personal freedoms, found himself at the center of a legal battle in 1933. Briles, the proprietor of the Lyric Theater in Emporia, Kansas, took a stand against the city's "blue laws," which prohibited the showing of films and the operation of businesses on Sundays. Determined to challenge these restrictive ordinances, Briles began a protest that would land him in jail numerous times.

In the fall of 1933, Briles made the bold decision to open his theater on Sundays, fully aware of the consequences. Every Sunday, Briles would show movies at his theater, knowing that the police would arrest him. The cycle became predictable: Briles would be arrested, appear in court, post bond, and then do it all again the next Sunday. On his first Sunday of protest, as reported by the *Emporia Gazette* on September 11, 1933, Briles was arrested twice in one day—once after an afternoon show and again after an evening show. In total, he posted \$300 in bond and awaited his court appearance.

The legal proceedings escalated quickly. On September 20, 1933, Briles was found guilty of violating the Sunday labor law, which forbade business activities on the Sabbath. Undeterred, he appealed the case to the district court, posting a \$450 bond. Meanwhile, Briles continued to operate his theater on Sundays, racking up 12 arrests by late October 1933. The police, worried that

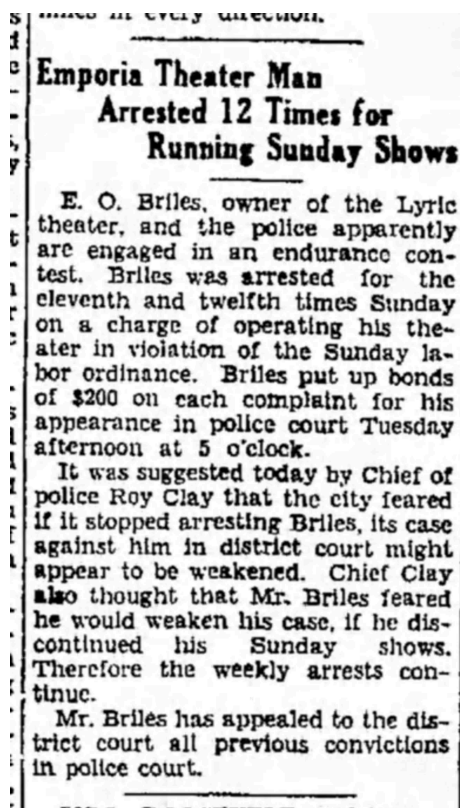
allowing him to continue without arrest might weaken their case in district court, maintained their routine of arresting him every time he violated the law.

Despite these ongoing legal challenges, Briles did not face a significant decline in his theater's business. In fact, his Lyric Theater moved to a new location in early 1934, boasting a seating capacity of 400 people. The theater even hosted special showings, such as two free shows for the unemployed on Thanksgiving morning in 1935, which further endeared Briles to the local community.

Briles' protest culminated in a district court ruling in November 1933, where a jury found him guilty of violating city ordinances that prohibited both Sunday movie showings and the requirement of employees to work on Sundays. This legal defeat did not deter Briles, as he continued his involvement in the theater business. In 1936, he expanded his holdings, purchasing a third theater in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, which was managed by his niece.

Briles' defiance of the blue laws was more than just a business decision; it was a personal protest against what he viewed as an infringement on individual liberties. His arrests became a symbol of resistance against outdated laws that clashed with modern societal norms. His actions not only left a lasting impact on his local community but also serve as a reminder of the importance of standing up for one's beliefs, even in the face of repeated legal consequences.

Briles' experience highlights the unpredictable value of local newspapers and personal records in genealogy. Through clippings saved by his family and articles from local papers, a fuller picture of Briles' life and convictions emerged, illustrating how his persistence made a mark on his community and beyond.



Henry Duggins to Benjamin Duggins Deed

Preble County Ohio

Deeds 1855-1858, 1857

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Henry J. Duggins and Mildred Duggins To Benjamin A. Duggins Presented & Recorded September 3d 1857 . Know all men by these presents , that Henry J. Duggins and Mildred Duggins of the County of Preble and State of Ohio in consideration of Three Thousand three Hundred and Eighty Dollars to them paid by Benjamin A. Duggins of the County of Preble and State of Ohio , the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby grant bargain , sell and convey to the said Benjamin A. Duggins his heirs and assigns forever , the following described Real Estate , situate lying and being in the County of Preble and State of Ohio , and being the South part of the North East quarter , and the North part of the South East quarter of section seventeen (17) Township seven (7) of Range two (2) East , & c. and bounded and described as follows to wit : Beginning at a corner on the west line of said South East quarter at a + on a boulder . witness a W on a boulder , N. 54 degrees E. 63 ½ links and a w on a boulder . S. 61 degrees E. 62 1/3 links said corner being 49 . 48 , poles South of the N. W . corner of said quarter , thence 4 degrees West one hundred and four and forty two hundredths poles to a corner thence N. 86 degrees East one hundred and twenty nine and forty hundredths poles to the East line of said North East quarter , thence South 4 degrees E. one hundred and four and sixty two hundredths poles to a corner a + on a boulder , witness a W on a boulder , S. 8 1/2 degrees W. 44 3/4 links a W on a boulder N 1/2 degree N 38 3/4 links , thence S. 86 degrees West one hundred and twenty nine and Eighty hundredths poles to the place of beginning , containing Eighty four and Sixty Six hundredths acres be the same more or less , and all the estate , title and interest of the said Henry J. Duggins and Mildred Duggins either in Law or in Equity of in and to the said premises together with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging , To Have and To Hold the same to the only proper use of the said Benjamin A. Duggins his heirs and assigns forever And the said Henry I Duggins and Mildred Duggins for themselves their heirs , executors , & administrator hereby Covenant with the said Benjamin A. Duggins his heirs and assigns , that they are the true and lawful owners of the said premises and have full power to convey the same and further , that the title so conveyed is clear free , and unincumbered and further , that they will Warrant and Defend the same against all claim or claims of all persons whatsoever , In Witness Whereof the said Henry J. Duggins and Mildred Duggins his wife who hereby releases her right and expectancy of dower in the said premises have hereunto set their hands and seals on this 11th day of June in the year of our Lord , one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven ,
Henry I Duggins (Seal)
Mildred Duggins (seal)

Signed , Sealed , Acknowledged , and

Delivered in presence of us

John V. Campbell

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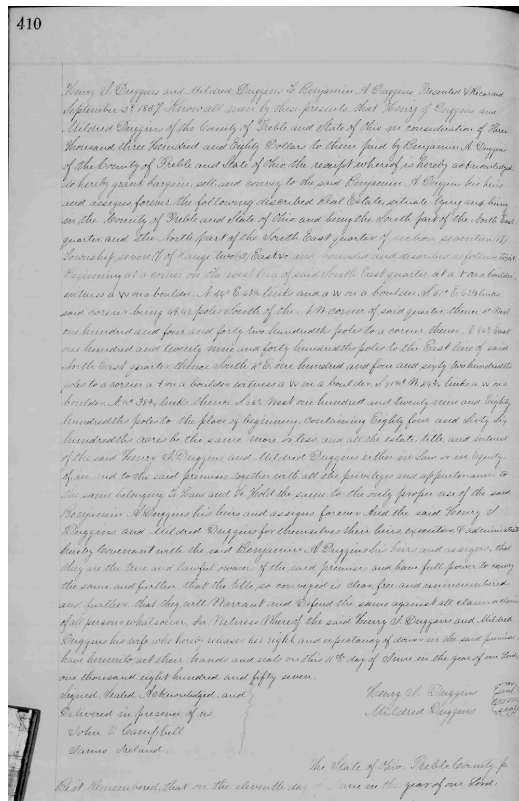
The State of Ohio . Preble County ,SS

Be it Remembered , that on the eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord ,

one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven before me the subscriber Judge of the Probate Court , in and for said County , personally came Henry J. Duggins and Mildred Briggins the Center in the above Deed and acknowledged the signing and sealing thereof to be their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned , And the said Mildred Duggins wife of the said Henry S. Duggins , being examined by me separate and apart from her said husband and the contents of said Deed being by me made known and explained to her as the Statute directs , declared that she did voluntarily sign , seal and acknowledge the same and that she is still satisfied therewith , as her act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned . In Testimony Whereof , I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal , official the day and year aforesaid .

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Probate Judge



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